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TWENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

BIBLE ASSOCIATION

OF

FRIENDS IN AMERICA:

READ AT THE ANNUAL MEETING, HELD ON THE EVENING OF THE FOURTEENTH OF FOURTH MONTH, 1855.

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TO THE

BIBLE ASSOCIATION OF FRIENDS IN AMERICA.

The Managers report, that there have been sold or gratuitously disposed of during the past year, 1777 Bibles, 1035 Testaments, and 118 copies of Testaments and Psalms. Of these, 833 Bibles and 533 Testaments have been furnished to Auxiliary Associations, for gratuitous distribution, or sale at low prices, at their discretion. An edition of 1000 copies of the School Bible and one of 2000 copies of the 24mo. Testament, has been printed during the year, and an edition of 1000 copies of the Reference Bible is ordered. Some further reduction in prices has been made, which, it is hoped will tend to increase the sales. The Reference Bible is now sold at $1 25 a copy; only half the price formerly charged for this beautiful and excellent edition of the sacred volume.

A statement of the Treasurer's account, exhibiting the receipts and expenditures, is herewith submitted, also an account of the Stock of Books on hand.

The sum of $952 33 has been received from the Executors of our late friend Joseph Ely, being the net amount of a legacy bequeathed by him to the Association, and it has been invested so as to add to the permanent income.

Reports have been received from 13 Auxiliaries, viz.: China, Maine; Philadelphia; Fairfield, O.; Western; White Water; Concord; White Lick; Springfield;

Spiceland; New Garden, and Hamilton, Indiana; and Salem, and Three River, Iowa.*

One new Auxiliary has been recognized since the last Annual meeting, viz. that of China monthly meeting, in the State of Maine.

From a considerable number of them no Reports have come to hand this year, but those which have been received, manifest that many of our friends in distant parts of the country, who have engaged in this work of Christian benevolence, keep alive to its interest and importance. This will be shown by a few extracts from the Reports. One says, "We desire to express our grateful acknowledgments, for a box of Bibles and Testaments received in the Ninth month last, which has enabled us to furnish some families and several of our members, and a few of those who attend our meetings, that are not members, with good Bibles and Testaments, which have generally been thankfully received."

Another says: "Through the kind donations of the Bible Association, we have been enabled from time to time, to furnish many young people with good copies of the Holy Scriptures, who in all probability would have remained destitute. It has been our constant aim, to supply gratuitously all such young persons as were not well able to supply themselves." Another remarks:

"We find that a few years ago, there were within our limits about 400 individuals, members of our religious

* Since the Annual Meeting of the Association, Reports have been received from the Auxiliaries of Burlington, N. J.; Chesterfield, Ohio; and Blue River, Indiana. Also, a Report from a new Auxiliary in Iowa, which has been recognized by the Managers, called "Pleasant Plain Auxiliary," Iowa.

Society, capable of reading the Bible, together with several families, who were destitute of that invaluable book. By the kind and liberal donations that we have received from year to year, from our dear friends of the Parent Association at Philadelphia, and by freely dispensing our own small means, the number of the destitute has been gradually reduced. In taking a survey of the widely extended Territory over which our members are scattered, we are induced to believe that a considerable field of usefulness is already open before us, beyond the pale of our religious Society,—there being many descendants of Friends, and those who have once had a right of membership, located within our limits—a number of whom have we think, strong claims on our sympathy, as well as our liberality." Another observes:

"We are encouraged in the belief, that there has been no diminution of interest among Friends within our limits, in the work in which we are engaged. The distribution of copies of the Testament and Psalms among our coloured population, in accordance with the wish of one of our late members who made a bequest for that purpose, has continued to claim our attention the past year." Another:

"We have, during the past year, received an encouraging addition to the number of our members, which has considerably augmented our funds, and causes us to believe that we shall be able to supply all the deficiences which may occur amongst Friends within our limits the coming year. We have, however, taken measures to extend our labours *to others*, and if the Parent Association should feel a willingness to aid us in this work, by a donation

of Bibles and Testaments, they will be thankfully received." Another says:

"Through your liberality, we think we have been enabled to do much good. Our Quarterly meeting is very large and scattered over a considerable extent of Territory, which makes our labours more arduous. Many Friends within our limits are in quite limited circumstances, yet we are not discouraged, but hope to see the day when every member of our widely extended Society, capable of reading the Holy Scriptures, shall possess a copy thereof." Another:

"Although our members have been furnished with the Holy Scriptures, except a few cases of young persons, we find a wide field for operations opening round us, amongst our neighbours not in membership with us. A considerable number of those reported as being furnished the past year have been of this class."

These evidences of continued zeal in a good work, are truly gratifying, and we would encourage the members of all our Auxiliaries, in the exercise of a sound discretion, gradually to enlarge the sphere of their operations, as soon as the wants of members of our own religious Society, in their respective limits, are provided for.

It is the desire of this Association, that Friends every where should be amply supplied with good copies of the Sacred Volume, and endeavours have been used for a number of years to supply known deficiencies. There are, however, settlements of Friends in many places, where no Auxiliary Associations now exist, and where it is quite possible there may be a deficiency. Any Friends having knowledge of such cases, and being willing to act as our agents in the distribution of the books,

will oblige us by communicating the information to our Corresponding Committee.

Signed on behalf and by direction of the Managers.

WILLIAM BETTLE, *Secretary.*

Philadelphia, Fourth month 12th, 1855.

Summary of the Treasurer's Account.

PAYMENTS.

Salary of Agent,	$ 400 00
Paper,	704 15
Printing,	120 00
Binding,	1125 11
Packing Boxes,	19 98
Printing Annual Report,	24 00
Insurance on Books, Plates, &c.,	67 50
Repairing Plates,	9 20
Incidental Expenses,	55 38
Taxes on Depository Building, for 1854 and 1855,	333 44
Repairs of "	47 39
Water Rent,	15 00
Investments in $600 Wilmington Rail Road Loan, $541 50; and $1100 City Loan, $935.	1476 50
Balance on hand,	4 69
	$ 4402 34

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand, Fourth mo. 7th, 1854,	$ 544 15
Book Account,	389 04
Auxiliaries,	652 80
Donation Account	196 22
Annual Subscriptions,	54 00
Interest on Investments,	36 00
" " for Sinking Fund,	142 80
Rent of Depository Building,	1435 00
Legacy of Joseph Ely,	952 33
	$ 4402 34

STOCK OF BOOKS ON HAND, THIRD MONTH 31st, 1855.

BOUND.	740 Reference Bibles,	8vo.
	643 School "	12mo.
	547 " "	24mo.
	140 Testaments and Psalms,	12mo.
	749 Testaments	12mo.
	744 "	24mo.
SHEETS.	292 Testaments,	12mo.
	100 " Fine,	24mo.
	316 Bibles,	12mo.

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The Officers of this Association shall be, a Secretary, a Treasurer, a Committee of Correspondence, and a Board of Managers.

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A Committee of three persons shall be appointed annually, to correspond with Societies or individuals, on behalf of this Association, under the direction of the Managers.

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It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive and keep in trust, all monies and title deeds, and papers relating to the real estate of the Association; he shall pay all orders drawn by it or the Board of Managers; shall make a quarterly statement of his accounts to the latter; and he shall also make an Annual Report to them at their Meeting in the fourth month, of his receipts and payments during the past year; which report shall be submitted, after due examination, to the Annual Meeting of the Association. He shall deposit all monies received by him, on account of the Association, in its name, in one of the Banks in the City of Philadelphia, and pay all orders by checks; and he shall keep the accounts in a separate book, provided for the purpose.

ARTICLE IX.

All the Officers of the Association shall be *ex-officio* members of the Board of Managers; and seven members shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE X.

Each member of the Association shall be entitled to a return of one-half of his life or annual subscription, in Bibles or Testaments, at the

Society's lowest prices, at any time during the year in which the subscription is made, under such regulations as the Managers may establish.

ARTICLE XI.

Such members of the Religious Society of Friends, as may form themselves into Bible Associations, under the rules recommended by this Association, shall be considered as Auxiliaries, and entitled to privileges hereinafter provided.

ARTICLE XII.

The full amount paid by Auxiliary Societies to the Treasurer of this Association, shall be returned to them, if demanded within the current year, in Bibles and Testaments, at the lowest prices, subject to the regulations which may be established by the Managers; but all sums not so demanded, shall remain at the disposal of this Association, to aid in promoting its general objects. Auxiliary Societies complying with these regulations, shall be entitled to send delegates to attend the Annual Meetings of the Bible Association.

ARTICLE XIII.

Every person paying to the Treasurer of an Auxiliary Society, the sum of Twenty-five dollars at one time, or three dollars annually, and being a member of the Religious Society of Friends, shall, on producing a receipt for such payment, be entitled to the privileges of membership in this Association.

ARTICLE XIV.

The Annual Meetings of the Association shall be held in Philadelphia, on the evening of the seventh-day preceding the third second-day in the fourth month, at which time the Officers shall be appointed.

ARTICLE XV.

No alteration shall be made in this Constitution, but at an Annual Meeting, and with the consent of two-thirds of the members present.

ARTICLE XVI.

Any member of this Association, ceasing to be a member of the Religious Society of Friends, shall cease to be a member of this Association.

Rules for the government of the Auxiliary Associations.

The objects and Constitution of the Bible Association of Friends in America, having the approbation of this meeting, it is agreed, that a Society be now formed under the following rules, to be called the "——— Auxiliary Bible Association of Friends," for the purpose of supplying Friends and others, in this vicinity, with the Holy Scriptures, encouraging the frequent and serious perusal of them, and promoting a more accurate knowledge of their invaluable contents: also, of co-operating with the Bible Association of Friends in America, in furthering their important objects in other places.

RULES.

1st. Any person paying to the Treasurer dollars at one time, or dollars annually, and being a member of the religious Society of Friends, shall be a member of this Association.

2nd. Any member of the Bible Association of Friends in America, residing in this district, shall be considered a member of this Auxiliary Association.

3rd. The officers of this Association shall be a Secretary, Treasurer, and a Committee of Correspondence.

4th. The Committee of Correspondence shall consist of the Secretary, Treasurer, and members, to be chosen annually: they shall have the power of filling vacancies in their own body, and shall be authorized to act on behalf of the Association, during its recess: they shall meet monthly, and keep fair minutes of all their proceedings, which, with the correspondence, shall be laid before the Association at its Quarterly meetings. members shall form a quorum.

5th. The Association shall meet once in three months, on the day of . At the first Quarterly Meeting in each year, a statement of the accounts, and of the number of Bibles and Testaments distributed, and on hand, shall be exhibited; the several officers appointed; and a detailed report of the pro-

ceedings during the preceding year, be prepared and forwarded to the Secretary of the Bible Association of Friends in America; to attend the Annual Meeting of which, delegates may be appointed.

6th. The amount of subscriptions and donations to this Association, after deducting the necessary expenses, shall be remitted annually to the Treasurer of the Bible Association of Friends in America, in consideration of the provision made in the twelfth article of its Constitution, viz: "The full amount paid by Auxiliary Societies to the Treasurer of this Association, shall be returned to them, if demanded within the current year, in Bibles or Testaments at the lowest prices; subject to the regulations which may be established by the Managers; but all sums not so demanded, shall remain at the disposal of this Association, to aid in promoting its general objects."

7. Every subscriber to this Association shall be entitled to a return of one-half of the amount of his life or annual subscription, in Bibles or Testaments at cost, under such regulations as may be hereafter adopted.

8th. The members of the Association shall appoint committees, whose duty it shall be to solicit subscriptions in their respective neighbourhoods, and to inquire what families, individuals or schools, are in want of Bibles or Testaments, and make report thereof to the Association or the Committee of Correspondence, in order that they may be promptly supplied, either at prime cost or otherwise, according to circumstances.

9th. A list of such committees shall be kept by the Secretary; and at every Quarterly Meeting, each committee shall be called upon to report the state of its neighbourhood; the amount of moneys collected, and the number of Bibles and Testaments distributed or required.

10th. Any member ceasing to be a member of the religious Society of Friends, shall cease to be a member of this Association.

QUERIES ADDRESSED TO AUXILIARIES.

1. What number of families or individuals have been gratuitously furnished with the Holy Scriptures by the Auxiliary during the past year?

2. What number of Bibles and Testaments have been sold by the Auxiliary, within the past year?

3. How many members, male and female, are there belonging to the Auxiliary.

4. What number of families of Friends reside within its limits?

5. Are there any families of Friends within your limits not supplied with a copy of the Holy Scriptures in good clear type, and on fair paper; if so, how many?

6. How many members of our Society, capable of reading the Bible, do not own such a copy of the Holy Scriptures?

7. How many Bibles and Testaments may probably be disposed of by sale within your limits?

8. Is the income of the Auxiliary sufficient to supply those within its limits who are not duly furnished with the Holy Scriptures?

9. What number of Bibles and Testaments would it be necessary for the Bible Association to furnish gratuitously to enable the Auxiliary to supply each family?

10. What number would be required in order to furnish each member of our religious Society, capable of reading, who is destitute of a copy, and unable to purchase it?

11*. How many Bibles and Testaments of each kind are now on hand?

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* A full and explicit answer to this, with the other Queries, is particularly requested.

AUXILIARY SOCIETIES.

Vassalborough, Maine,	Auxiliary	Bible Association.
China,	do.	do.
New York, New York,		do.
Scipio,	do.	do.
Farmington,	do.	do.
Cornwall,	do.	do.
Duanesburg,	do.	do.
Purchase,	do.	do.
Saratoga,	do.	do.
Ferrisburg, Vermont,		do.
Yonge Street, Upper Canada,		do.
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania,		do.
Bucks,	do.	do.
Red Stone,	do.	do.
Concord,	do.	do.
Burlington, New Jersey,		do.
Salem,	do.	do.
Haddonfield,	do.	do.
Baltimore, Maryland,		do.
Upper Quarterly Meeting, Va.,		do.
New Garden, N. C.,		do.
Deep River,	do.	do.
Southern,	do.	do.
Eastern,	do.	do.
Stillwater,	Ohio,	do.
Miami,	do.	do.
Salem,	do.	do.
Alum Creek,	do.	do.
Centre,	do.	do.
Flushing,	do.	do.
Fairfield,	do.	do.
Short Creek,	do.	do.
Chesterfield,	do.	do.
New Garden, Indiana,		do.
New Garden, Central,	do.	do.

Blue River,	Indiana, Auxiliary	Bible Association.
White Water,	do.	do.
White Lick,	do.	do.
Westfield,	do.	do.
Springfield,	do.	do.
Western,	do.	do.
Spiceland,	do.	do.
Hamilton,	do.	do.
Northern,	do.	do.
Honey Creek,	do.	do.
Concord,	do.	do.
Salem,	Iowa,	do.
Three River,	do	do.
Pleasant Plain,	do.	do.
Adrian, Michigan,		do.

FORMS OF LEGACY.

1. *Form of a Bequest of Personal Estate.*

"I give and bequeath to A.B. and A. C. and the survivor of them, and the executors and administrators of such survivor, the sum of in trust for the use of an Institution in Philadelphia, known by the name of 'The Bible Association of Friends in America,' and to be paid by the said Trustees to the Treasurer for the time being of the said Institution."

2. *Form of a Devise of Real Estate.*

"I give and devise to A. B. and C. D. and their heirs, all that (here describe the property) together with the appurtenances, to hold to them the said A. B. and C. D. and the survivor of them, and the heirs of such survivors for ever; in trust nevertheless for the sole use and benefit of an Institution in Philadelphia, known by the name of 'The Bible Association of Friends in America,' and upon this further trust, absolutely to dispose of, and convey the same, either in fee, or for such other estate, and in such way and manner, as the members of the said Association shall, at any meeting or meetings, order, direct and appoint."

The Depository of the Bible Association is at No. 50 North Fourth street, a few doors above Arch street. Communications respecting the business of the office may be addressed to John Richardson, Agent.

BIBLE ASSOCIATION OF FRIENDS IN AMERICA.

DEPOSITORY No. 50 NORTH FOURTH STREET, UP STAIRS, PHILA.

PRICES OF BIBLES AND TESTAMENTS.

	Size of Bible or Testament.	Number of Vols.	How Bound.	Price.
Reference Bible { With Family Record, Index, & Concordance. } Super.	8vo.	2 vols.	Calf, pt. bk. &c.	$5 00
do. do. do.	do.	3 vols.	do. do.	6 00
do. do. do.	do.	2 vols.	Muslin	3 50
do. do. Fine	do.	1 vol.	Shp. pt. bk. &c.	1 25
do. do. do.	do.	2 vols.	do. do.	2 00
do. do. do.	do.	3 vols.	do. do.	2 50
do. do. do.	do.	1 vol.	Calf, do.	2 00
do. do. do.	do.	2 vols.	do. do.	3 00
do. do. do.	do.	3 vols.	do. do.	4 00
School Bible.....	24mo.	1 vol.	Plain Sheep....	45
do.	do.	1 vol.	Shp.flexible bk	70
do.	do.	1 vol.	Clf. embossed...	1 75
do.	do.	1 vol.	do. do. & gilt	2 25
do.	12mo.	1 vol.	Plain Sheep....	50
New Testament.....	24mo.	.....	Muslin	10
do.	do.	.....	Skiver	12½
do.	do.	.....	Sheep bands...	25
do.	do.	.....	Clf. embossed...	75
do.	do.	.....	do. do. & gilt	1 00
do.	do.	.....	Morocco do.	1 00
do.	do.	.....	Pocket bk.form	75
do.	12mo.	.....	½ bound Sheep	25
do.	do.	.....	Plain Sheep....	30
do.	do.	.....	Sheep, extra...	50
Testament and Psalms, bound together.....	do.	.....	Plain Sheep....	37½
do. do.	do.	.....	Sheep, extra...	55

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The gratuitous distribution to some of the more distant Auxiliaries has been large the past year, and would appear from the reports to have been generally acceptable. One of them remarks, "We believe that some good has arisen to Friends in our limits through our feeble endeavours to circulate the Holy Scriptures, and we can say that the donation of Bibles and Testaments sent by the Managers in the Seventh month last year, was very acceptable, and enabled us to furnish a number of the poorer class of our members gratuitously, and others at reduced prices; thus through your kindness a greater number of Friends have been furnished with these invaluable writings than otherwise would have been." Another says, "Your very acceptable donation of Bibles, of Tenth month last, has been received, but in consequence of the lateness of the period at which they came to hand, they have not yet been distributed to much extent, yet we rejoice in having the means at command of supplying those within our limits, who may stand in need, with copies of the sacred writings." Another, within whose limits four hundred and seventy-four families of Friends reside, report that they are *all* furnished with Bibles, and all except *seven* with good copies of the Reference Bible. In this Auxiliary and in a few others, in which the wants of members of our own Society appear to have been carefully investigated and supplied, the Association have commenced enlarging the field of their operations in accordance with the recommendation heretofore made by the Managers. It is gratifying to find that some of them are engaged in supplying particularly the descendants of Friends, and the people of

colour in their respective localities. In several of the more remote western Auxiliaries there is still room for considerable effort within the pale of our own Religious Society, in order that individuals as well as families may be duly furnished with the Sacred Scriptures.

Although the operations of this Association and its branches may seem quite small, in comparison with those of other organizations to diffuse the sacred volume, we are encouraged by the belief, that it occupies its appropriate portion of the field of useful labour. In the continued prosecution of the work, not much that is new or of a highly interesting character is to be expected, but there is a sufficient motive for patient perseverance if the *engagement itself* be a good one, and tends in even a small degree to promote the cause of Truth and Righteousness, and the spread of the Redeemer's Kingdom.

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Investment in $1100 Wilmington Rail Road Loan,	981 75
Balance on hand,	19 08
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Book Account,	475 48
Auxiliaries,	286 43
Donation Account	312 80
Annual Subscriptions,	96 00
Interest on Investments,	164 70
" " for Sinking Fund,	142 80
Rent of Depository Building,	1310 00
Legacy of John Paul,	975 00
Sale of $500 City Loan,	452 50
	$ 4220 40

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Purchase,	do.	do.
Saratoga,	do.	do.
Ferrisburg, Vermont,		do.
Yonge Street, Upper Canada,		do.
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"I give and devise to A. B. and C. D. and their heirs, all that (here describe the property) together with the appurtenances, to hold to them the said A. B. and C. D. and the survivor of them, and the heirs of such survivors for ever; in trust nevertheless for the sole use and benefit of an Institution in Philadelphia, known by the name of 'The Bible Association of Friends in America,' and upon this further trust, absolutely to dispose of, and convey the same, either in fee, or for such other estate, and in such way and manner, as the members of the said Association shall, at any meeting or meetings, order, direct and appoint."

The Depository of the Bible Association is at No. 50 North Fourth street, a few doors above Arch street. Communications respecting the business of the office may be addressed to John Richardson, Agent.

BIBLE ASSOCIATION OF FRIENDS IN AMERICA.

DEPOSITORY No. 50 NORTH FOURTH STREET, UP STAIRS, PHILA.

PRICES OF BIBLES AND TESTAMENTS.

	Size of Bible or Testament.	Number of Vols.	How Bound.	Price.
Reference Bible { With Family Record, Index, & Concordance. } Super.	8vo.	2 vols.	Calf, pt. bk. &c.	$5 00
do. do. do.	do.	3 vols.	do. do.	6 00
do. do. do.	do.	2 vols.	Muslin	3 50
do. do. Fine	do.	1 vol.	Shp. pt. bk. &c.	1 25
do. do. do.	do.	2 vols.	do. do.	2 00
do. do. do.	do.	3 vols.	do. do.	2 50
do. do. do.	do.	1 vol.	Calf, do.	2 00
do. do. do.	do.	2 vols.	do. do.	3 00
do. do. do.	do.	3 vols.	do. do.	4 00
School Bible.....	24mo.	1 vol.	Plain Sheep....	45
do.	do.	1 vol.	Shp.flexible bk	70
do.	do.	1 vol.	Clf. embossed...	1 75
do.	do.	1 vol.	do. do. & gilt	2 25
do.	12mo.	1 vol.	Plain Sheep....	50
New Testament.....	24mo.	.....	Muslin	10
do.	do.	.....	Skiver	12½
do.	do.	.....	Sheep bands...	25
do.	do.	.....	Clf. embossed...	75
do.	do.	.....	do. do. & gilt	1 00
do.	do.	.....	Morocco do.	1 00
do.	do.	.....	Pocket bk.form	75
do.	12mo.	.....	½ bound Sheep	25
do.	do.	.....	Plain Sheep....	30
do.	do.	.....	Sheep, extra...	50
Testament and Psalms, bound together.....	do.	.....	Plain Sheep....	37½
do. do.	do.	.....	Sheep, extra...	55

THE

Twenty-eighth Annual Report

OF THE

BIBLE ASSOCIATION

OF

FRIENDS IN AMERICA:

READ AT THE ANNUAL MEETING, HELD ON THE EVENING OF THE EIGHTEENTH OF FOURTH MONTH, 1857.

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TO THE

BIBLE ASSOCIATION OF FRIENDS IN AMERICA.

The Managers present the following report of their proceedings during the past year.

There have been issued from the Depository in the year ending Third mo. 31st, 1857, 1660 Bibles, 739 Testaments, and 117 Testaments and Psalms; of which 213 Bibles, 57 Testaments, and 66 Testaments and Psalms were sold to Auxiliary Associations; 878 Bibles, 382 Testaments and 12 Testaments and Psalms were furnished to Auxiliaries for gratuitous distribution or sale, at low prices, in their discretion; and 120 Bibles, and 205 Testaments were disposed of by the Committee on gratuitous distribution.

An edition of 1000 copies of the Reference Bible, one of 1000 Testaments 12mo, and one of 500 Testaments and Psalms have been printed during the year, and an edition of 2000 copies of the School Bible is now in press.

An abstract of the Treasurer's account and a statement of the stock of books on hand, are herewith submitted.

Our late esteemed friend Jasper Cope having bequeathed $500 to the Association, the amount of the legacy has been received by our Treasurer.

Reports have been received from the following named Auxiliaries, viz: Vassalborough, Maine; China, Maine; Burlington, N. J.; Chesterfield, Alum Creek, and Fairfield, Ohio; Eastern, N. C.; New Garden, White Water, Western, Hamilton, White Lick, Westfield, Spiceland, and Concord, Indiana; Salem and Three River, Iowa; and Philadelphia, Penn'a.

From some of the Associations no reports have been received this year, but an examination of those which have reached us, shows that Friends in many places, continue to feel a lively interest in the work of Christian benevolence in which they are engaged.

It is gratifying to find, that several of the Auxiliaries, within whose limits the wants of members of our own religious Society have been duly supplied, are now enlarging the sphere of their operations, in accordance with the recommendation heretofore given by the Managers. This course, we hope, will in due season be adopted by all of them, and that they will continue to be sustained as effective organizations for many years to come. Let Friends no where become discouraged, or induced to relinquish the work, because it seems comparatively a small one, and no striking results of their labour are apparent. It is a sufficient motive to perseverance, that we know the engagement is a good one; and the benefits resulting from it may ultimately be far greater than we can anticipate.

One of the Auxiliaries remarks: "While the reports give the gratifying intelligence, that the families of

Friends within our limits are all duly furnished with the Holy Scriptures, and that all our members who are capable of reading, with a small exception, are likewise furnished, we would say as on a former occasion, that we apprehend there is a considerable field of usefulness open before us, beyond the pale of our own religious Society, particularly among the descendants of Friends, and some others who have been mainly overlooked in the distribution of the Scriptures heretofore. We may state further, that many of our members manifest at present, a lively interest in the concern, who have taken no part therein heretofore."

Another says: "We feel very grateful to the Parent Association, for the very liberal donations to us, which have enabled us to furnish many persons in indigent circumstances, with good copies of the Holy Scriptures, and we have good reason to believe, that in most cases they have been thankfully received. We also believe, that many young Friends who have had copies presented to them, and a word of encouragement at the same time, have been induced to spend more time in the perusal of the Sacred Writings. We have thus been stimulated to renewed exertions, and in the future, think we will work more zealously in the cause."

Another observes: "There appears to be an increasing interest among our junior members to furnish themselves with copies of the Holy Scriptures, which

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Signed on behalf and by direction of the Managers,

WILLIAM BETTLE, *Secretary.*

Philadelphia, Fourth month 16*th,* 1857.

Summary of the Treasurer's Account.

PAYMENTS.

Salary of Agent,	$ 400 00
Paper,	902 60
Printing,	615 31
Binding,	849 31
Insurance on Books, Plates, &c.,	190 50
Taxes and Water Rent,	232 33
Repairs,	18 84
Incidental Expenses,	61 18
Balance in hands of Treasurer,	99 61
	$ 3369 68

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand, Fourth mo. 12th, 1856,	$ 19 08
Rent of Depository Building,	1571 88
Auxiliaries,	260 77
Donation Account	219 03
Book Account,	396 04
Interest on Investments,	275 55
Annual and Life Subscriptions,	82 00
Legacy of Jasper Cope,	500 00
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STOCK OF BOOKS ON HAND, FOURTH MONTH 1st, 1856.

BOUND.	528	Reference Bibles,	8vo.
	773	School "	12mo.
	1103	" "	24mo.
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do. do. do.	do.	2 vols.	Muslin	3 50
do. do. Fine	do.	1 vol.	Shp. pt. bk. &c.	1 25
do. do. do.	do.	2 vols.	do. do.	2 00
do. do. do.	do.	3 vols.	do. do.	2 50
do. do. do.	do.	1 vol.	Calf, do.	2 00
do. do. do.	do.	2 vols.	do. do.	3 00
do. do. do.	do.	3 vols.	do. do.	4 00
School Bible.....	24mo.	1 vol.	Plain Sheep....	45
do.	do.	1 vol.	Shp.flexible bk	70
do.	do.	1 vol.	Clf. embossed...	1 75
do.	do.	1 vol.	do. do. & gilt	2 25
do.	12mo.	1 vol.	Plain Sheep....	50
New Testament.....	24mo.	.....	Muslin	10
do.	do.	.....	Skiver	12½
do.	do.	.....	Sheep bands...	25
do.	do.	.....	Clf. embossed...	75
do.	do.	.....	do. do. & gilt	1 00
do.	do.	.....	Morocco do.	1 00
do.	do.	.....	Pocket bk.form	75
do.	12mo.	.....	½ bound Sheep	25
do.	do.	.....	Plain Sheep....	30
do.	do.	.....	Sheep, extra...	50
Testament and Psalms, bound together.....	do.	.....	Plain Sheep....	37½
do. do.	do.	.....	Sheep, extra...	55

THE

Twenty-ninth Annual Report

OF THE

BIBLE ASSOCIATION

OF

FRIENDS IN AMERICA.

READ AT THE ANNUAL MEETING, HELD ON THE EVENING OF THE SEVENTEENTH OF FOURTH MONTH, 1858.

PHILADELPHIA:

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1858.

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TO THE

BIBLE ASSOCIATION OF FRIENDS IN AMERICA.

The Managers present the following report of their proceedings during the past year.

There have been issued from the Depository in the year ending Third month 31st 1858, 1964 Bibles,—1237 Testaments,—and 170 Testaments and Psalms, of which 530 Bibles, 218 Testaments, and 59 Testaments and Psalms were sold to Auxiliary Associations; 1179 Bibles, 840 Testaments, and 56 Testaments and Psalms were furnished to Auxiliaries for gratuitous distribution or sale, at full or reduced prices, in their discretion; and 107 Bibles, 95 Testaments, and 16 Testaments and Psalms were disposed of by the Committee on gratuitous distribution.

An edition of 2000 copies of the School Bible, reported last year as being in press, has been finished; and 1750 copies of the 24mo. Testament have been printed during the year.

An abstract of the Treasurer's account, and a statement of the Stock of Books on hand, are herewith submitted.

Reports have been received from the following named Auxiliaries, viz: China, Maine; Philadelphia, Penn'a; Burlington, N. J.; Alum Creek, Fairfield, and Chesterfield, Ohio; White Water, White Lick,

Westfield, Western, Spiceland, and Hamilton, Indiana; Salem, Pleasant Plain, and Winneshick, Iowa.

One new Auxiliary has been recognized since our last report, viz: that of Winneshick, Iowa.

The distribution to the more distant Auxiliaries has been larger the past year, than in the previous one, and appears to have been useful and acceptable. It is encouraging to find from the reports which have been forwarded, that many of our dear friends who have long co-operated with us, are disposed to continue their labor of love with unabated zeal and interest.

One of them located within a large Quarterly meeting states, that not only is every family of Friends within its limits furnished with one or more copies of the Holy Scriptures, but also, that all their members who are capable of reading, are likewise furnished. They observe, "An object that we have had steadily in view, and to the accomplishment of which we have looked for some years with pleasing anticipation, has now been realized." It is gratifying to notice, that this Auxiliary does not design to rest satisfied with having accomplished this desirable object, as respects the members of their own religious Society; in reference to the wants of other portions of the community it is remarked—and the remark will probably admit of a general application—"It is obvious from a partial examination heretofore made, that there are many amongst us not duly supplied with the Holy Scrip-

tures, whom we think should be recipients of our Christian care, and some of them of our liberality. While we can rejoice in the spread of the Bible more generally in our own and foreign countries by others, we think the field already open before us, is sufficiently large for our present means, and the one in which we can, perhaps, perform the greatest amount of good."

From the reports of other Auxiliaries it appears, that all the families of Friends within their respective limits, and in some instances very nearly all the individual members capable of reading, are supplied with the Holy Scriptures. It is however hoped, that Auxiliaries thus favorably circumstanced, will keep up a lively interest in this work of Christian benevolence, by judiciously extending the circle of their operations, in the way and manner best adapted to their respective localities. The aid of this Association, by means of donations of Bibles, whenever necessary or desirable, will continue to be gladly extended. We have heretofore expressed the desire, that Friends may not become discouraged or induced to relinquish the work, because it may seem comparatively a small one, and no striking results of their labor may be apparent: let us persevere, sustained by the conviction, that the engagement is a good one, and consider it a privilege to be enabled to aid in the distribution of the Holy Scriptures, believing as the Apostle has testified, that they are able to make wise unto salvation, through faith, which is in Christ Jesus.

Notwithstanding the evils which abound in the world, and even in some respects the apparent retrograde movements of communities and nations of late years, we are authorised to hope and believe, that the cause of righteousness and truth will eventually triumph. If it is our endeavour to promote the real welfare of our fellow creatures, and perform all our duties in the Lord's fear, we may be cheered with the anticipation of the promised time, when His great name shall be honored, even from the rising of the sun to the going down of the same; and in every place incense shall be offered to His name, and a pure offering.

Signed on behalf and by direction of the Managers,

WILLIAM BETTLE, *Secretary.*

Philadelphia, Fourth month 15*th*, 1858.

Summary of the Treasurer's Account.

RECEIPTS.

From Jeremiah Hacker, late Treasurer, ...	$99 61
Real Estate rent, ...	1098 00
Auxiliaries, ...	615 94
Donations and Subscriptions, ...	43 00
Interest on Investments, ...	277 03
Book Account, ...	154 14
	$2287 72

PAYMENTS.

Salary of Agent, (9 months), ...	$300 00
Paper, ...	7 00
Printing, ...	311 75
Binding, ...	374 72
Taxes, Water and Sewer Rent, ...	245 55
Repairs, ...	28 70
Incidentals, ...	45 60
Balance in Treasurer's hands, ...	974 40
	$2287 72

STOCK OF BOOKS ON HAND, FOURTH MONTH 1st, 1858.

BOUND.	360	Reference Bibles,	8vo.
	699	School "	12mo.
	267	" "	24mo.
	205	Testaments and Psalms,	12mo.
	534	"	12mo.
	890	"	24mo.
IN SHEETS.	579	Reference Bibles,	8vo.
	1508	School Bibles,	24mo.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

BIBLE ASSOCIATION OF FRIENDS IN AMERICA.

ARTICLE I.

The designation of this Society, shall be "The Bible Association of Friends in America."

ARTICLE II.

The objects of this Association shall be, to encourage a wider circulation, as well as a more frequent and serious perusal of the Holy Scriptures, and to promote a more accurate knowledge of their invaluable contents.

ARTICLE III.

The attention of this Association, shall be first directed to furnishing the Bible to such members of the Religious Society of Friends, as may not be duly supplied; and also, as its funds will permit, to other persons.

ARTICLE IV.

Any person paying to the Treasurer of this Institution, Twenty-five dollars at one time, or three dollars annually, and being a member of the Religious Society of Friends, shall be a member of this Association.

ARTICLE V.

The Officers of this Association shall be, a Secretary, a Treasurer, a Committee of Correspondence, and a Board of Managers.

ARTICLE VI.

The Association shall appoint annually, fifteen of its members as Managers, to conduct its business. They shall be entrusted with the printing and distribution of the Holy Scriptures, in such manner, and at such prices, as they may judge proper, consistent with the objects of this Association. They shall have the power of filling such vacancies

in the list of Officers, or of the Managers, as may occur in the recess of the Association; and of calling Special Meetings of the Association whenever they may deem it expedient. A report of their proceedings shall be laid before the Association, at its Annual Meeting.

ARTICLE VII.

A Committee of three persons shall be appointed annually, to correspond with Societies or individuals, on behalf of this Association, under the direction of the Managers.

ARTICLE VIII.

It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive and keep in trust, all monies and title deeds, and papers relating to the real estate of the Association; he shall pay all orders drawn by it or the Board of Managers; shall make a quarterly statement of his accounts to the latter; and he shall also make an Annual Report to them at their Meeting in the fourth month, of his receipts and payments during the past year; which report shall be submitted, after due examination, to the Annual Meeting of the Association. He shall deposit all monies received by him, on account of the Association, in its name, in one of the Banks in the City of Philadelphia, and pay all orders by checks; and he shall keep the accounts in a separate book, provided for the purpose.

ARTICLE IX.

All the Officers of the Association shall be *ex-officio* members of the Board of Managers; and seven members shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE X.

Each member of the Association shall be entitled to a return of one-half of his life or annual subscription, in Bibles or Testaments, at the Society's lowest prices, at any time during the year in which the subscription is made, under such regulations as the Managers may establish.

ARTICLE XI.

Such members of the Religious Society of Friends, as may form themselves into Bible Associations, under the rules recommended by this Association, shall be considered as Auxiliaries, and entitled to privileges hereinafter provided.

ARTICLE XII.

The full amount paid by Auxiliary Societies to the Treasurer of this Association, shall be returned to them, if demanded within the current year, in Bibles and Testaments, at the lowest prices, subject to the regulations which may be established by the Managers; but all sums not so demanded, shall remain at the disposal of this Association, to aid in promoting its general objects. Auxiliary Societies complying with these regulations, shall be entitled to send delegates to attend the Annual Meetings of the Bible Association.

ARTICLE XIII.

Every person paying to the Treasurer of an Auxiliary Society, the sum of Twenty-five dollars at one time, or three dollars annually, and being a member of the Religious Society of Friends, shall, on producing a receipt for such payment, be entitled to the privileges of membership in this Association.

ARTICLE XIV.

The Annual Meetings of the Association shall be held in Philadelphia, on the evening of the seventh-day preceding the third second-day in the fourth month, at which time the Officers shall be appointed.

ARTICLE XV.

No alteration shall be made in this Constitution, but at an Annual Meeting, and with the consent of two-thirds of the members present.

ARTICLE XVI.

Any member of this Association, ceasing to be a member of the Religious Society of Friends, shall cease to be a member of this Association.

Rules for the government of the Auxiliary Associations.

The objects and Constitution of the Bible Association of Friends in America, having the approbation of this meeting, it is agreed, that a Society be now formed under the following rules, to be called the "——— Auxiliary Bible Association of Friends," for the purpose of supplying Friends and others, in this vicinity, with the Holy Scriptures, encouraging the frequent and serious perusal of them, and promoting a more accurate knowledge of their invaluable contents; also, of co-operating with the Bible Association of Friends in America, in furthering their important objects in other places.

RULES.

1st. Any person paying to the Treasurer dollars at one time, or dollars annually, and being a member of the religious Society of Friends, shall be a member of this Association.

2nd. Any member of the Bible Association of Friends in America, residing in this district, shall be considered a member of this Auxiliary Association.

3rd. The officers of this Association shall be a Secretary, Treasurer, and a Committee of Correspondence.

4th. The Committee of Correspondence shall consist of the Secretary, Treasurer, and members, to be chosen annually: they shall have the power of filling vacancies in their own body, and shall be authorized to act on behalf of the Association, during its recess: they shall meet monthly, and keep fair minutes of all their proceedings, which, with the correspondence, shall be laid before the Association at its Quarterly meetings. members shall form a quorum.

5th. The Association shall meet once in three months, on the day of . At the first Quarterly Meeting in each year, a statement of the accounts, and of the number of Bibles and Testaments distributed, and on hand, shall be exhibited; the several officers appointed; and a detailed report of the pro-

ceedings during the preceding year, be prepared and forwarded to the Secretary of the Bible Association of Friends in America; to attend the Annual Meeting of which, delegates may be appointed.

6th. The amount of subscriptions and donations to this Association, after deducting the necessary expenses, shall be remitted annually to the Treasurer of the Bible Association of Friends in America, in consideration of the provision made in the twelfth article of its Constitution, viz: "The full amount paid by Auxiliary Societies to the Treasurer of this Association, shall be returned to them, if demanded within the current year, in Bibles or Testaments at the lowest prices, subject to the regulations which may be established by the Managers; but all sums not so demanded, shall remain at the disposal of this Association to aid in promoting its general objects."

7th. Every subscriber to this Association shall be entitled to a return of one-half of the amount of his life or annual subscription, in Bibles or Testaments at cost, under such regulations as may be hereafter adopted.

8th. The members of the Association shall appoint committees, whose duty it shall be to solicit subscriptions in their respective neighbourhoods, and to inquire what families, individuals or schools, are in want of Bibles or Testaments, and make report thereof to the Association or the Committee of Correspondence, in order that they may be promptly supplied, either at prime cost or otherwise, according to circumstances.

9th. A list of such committees shall be kept by the Secretary; and at every Quarterly Meeting, each committee shall be called upon to report the state of its neighbourhood; the amount of moneys collected, and the number of Bibles and Testaments distributed or required.

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QUERIES ADDRESSED TO AUXILIARIES.

1. What number of families or individuals have been gratuitously furnished with the Holy Scriptures by the Auxiliary during the past year?

2. What number of Bibles and Testaments have been sold by the Auxiliary, within the past year?

3. How many members, male and female, are there belonging to the Auxiliary.

4. What number of families of Friends reside within its limits?

5. Are there any families of Friends within your limits not supplied with a copy of the Holy Scriptures in good clear type, and on fair paper; if so, how many?

6. How many members of our Society, capable of reading the Bible, do not own such a copy of the Holy Scriptures?

7. How many Bibles and Testaments may probably be disposed of by sale within your limits?

8. Is the income of the Auxiliary sufficient to supply those within its limits who are not duly furnished with the Holy Scriptures?

9. What number of Bibles and Testaments would it be necessary for the Bible Association to furnish gratuitously to enable the Auxiliary to supply each family?

10. What number would be required in order to furnish each member of our religious Society, capable of reading, who is destitute of a copy, and unable to purchase it?

11*. How many Bibles and Testaments of each kind are now on hand?

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* A full and explicit answer to this, with the other Queries, is particularly requested.

AUXILIARY SOCIETIES.

Vassalborough,	Maine,	Auxiliary Bible Association.
China,	do.	do.
New York,	New York,	do.
Scipio,	do.	do.
Farmington,	do.	do.
Cornwall,	do.	do.
Duanesburg,	do.	do.
Purchase,	do.	do.
Saratoga,	do.	do.
Ferrisburg,	Vermont,	do.
Yonge Street,	Upper Canada,	do.
Philadelphia,	Pennsylvania,	do.
Bucks,	do.	do.
Red Stone,	do.	do.
Concord,	do.	do.
Burlington,	New Jersey,	do.
Salem,	do.	do.
Haddonfield,	do.	do.
Baltimore,	Maryland,	do.
Upper Quarterly Meeting,	Va.,	do.
New Garden,	N. C.,	do.
Deep River,	do.	do.
Southern,	do.	do.
Eastern,	do.	do.
Stillwater,	Ohio,	do.
Miami,	do.	do.
Salem,	do.	do.
Alum Creek,	do.	do.
Centre,	do.	do.
Flushing,	do.	do.
Fairfield,	do.	do.
Short Creek,	do.	do.
Chesterfield,	do.	do.
New Garden,	Indiana,	do.
New Garden,	Central, do.	do.

Blue River,	Indiana, Auxiliary Bible Association.	
White Water,	do.	do.
White Lick,	do.	do.
Westfield,	do.	do.
Springfield,	do.	do.
Western,	do.	do.
Spiceland,	do.	do.
Hamilton,	do.	do.
Northern,	do.	do.
Honey Creek,	do.	do.
Concord,	do.	do.
Salem,	Iowa,	do.
Three River,	do	do.
Pleasant Plain,	do.	do.
Winneshick,	do.	do.
Adrian,	Michigan,	do.

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One thousand copies of the Reference Bible,—500 Testaments and Psalms, and 500 Psalms have been printed,—and 2000 School Bibles will soon be put in press.

The Treasurer's account, with a summary of his receipts and expenses, and a statement of the Stock of Books on hand, are herewith submitted.

The Stereotype plates having become slightly defaced in many parts by the repeated impressions taken from them, it has been thought best to have them carefully examined and put in good order; which has

been done at an expense of several hundred dollars. Much care and pains were taken by the early Managers of the Association, in order that our editions of the Holy Scriptures should be made as nearly perfect and free from errors as possible, and it is very desirable that they should continue to be kept so.

Information has been received of the formation of a new Auxiliary Association in Iowa, under the title of the Red Cedar Auxiliary Bible Association of Friends.

Reports have been received from the following Auxiliaries, viz: China, Maine; Burlington, N. J.; Philadelphia, Penn'a; Alum Creek, Chesterfield, Fairfield, Ohio; Central, Hamilton, Concord, Western, White Water, Indiana; Winneshick, Iowa; and Eastern, North Carolina. From an examination of these reports, it appears that a lively interest in the good work in which they are engaged, continues to be maintained in most of them.

The investigations made by some of the Auxiliaries go to show, that the families of Friends within their limits, are with few exceptions, supplied with good copies of the Holy Scriptures. With respect to individual members capable of reading, they are also in some places adequately supplied; in others there still appears to be a considerable deficiency. On inquiry into the wants of those around them, without distinction of religious profession, or of color, a large field of useful distribution is found to be open. One of the

Auxiliaries expresses surprise at the extent of the deficiency thus found, considering the means which of late years have been taken to supply the destitute. It may doubtless be accounted for by the changes constantly and rapidly going on in the West—young families growing up and removing to new settlements, together with immigration from Europe and the Eastern States, so that populous communities are now found in places which but a few years since formed part of the wilderness.

Our Auxiliary associations have been repeatedly recommended and encouraged, to turn their attention, as soon as the wants of members of our own Religious Society were duly investigated and supplied, towards those not in profession with us, and it is gratifying to find by the reports received this year, that several of them have been thus engaged. We desire to repeat the assurance, that this Association is still disposed cheerfully to aid them, not doubting that the attempt to enlarge the circle of their operations will be circumscribed by a judicious discrimination.

The gratuitous distribution among the Auxiliaries the past year, seems to have been acceptable and useful, and is gratefully acknowledged in most of the reports as an important aid in their work of Christian benevolence.

Some of the Auxiliaries have given their attention to the sale of Bibles to those of ability to purchase, and one remarks, "There is an increasing demand

among other professors of religion for our Reference Bible, and it is believed that a much larger number could be disposed of on sale at full prices the present year than any previous one." Another expresses its belief, that much good has arisen to Friends and others within their limits, through their efforts to promote the circulation of the Holy Scriptures, and that many Friends in their vicinity take a lively interest in the work.

Another says, "Our Quarterly Meeting is composed mostly of young and rising families, which will make a demand for Bibles and Testaments for some time yet to come. Any donations from you will be gratefully received, and we will endeavor to make as good a disposition of them as we can, taking our scattered situation and other circumstances into consideration."

The report from another says, "We avail ourselves of the opportunity to acknowledge our sense of your kindness in making us the liberal appropriation of Bibles and Testaments that you have. Your liberality enables us to supply all of our members now capable of reading, not previously supplied with a copy of the Scriptures, so far as we have been able to ascertain their wants. We have not yet learned how a considerable portion of our members living at a distance from us are supplied, but we design, as way opens for it, to ascertain their wants and supply them as we may have the ability. Our members here are generally of small means, in consequence of which, and the many claims upon our time and means inci-

dent to the beginning in a new country, our operations have been small."

The evidences of unabated zeal, and willingness to assist in carrying out the objects of our Association, thus furnished, and by communications from several Friends in different places, who have co-operated with us in their individual capacity, is gratifying and encouraging. The hope is therefore indulged, that those Auxiliaries which have hitherto taken part in this labor of love, will continue their exertions, and not grow weary in well doing, even though they may find at present comparatively little to be done within the pale of our own religious Society. Auxiliary Societies being in fact the executive branches of the Association, we are compelled to rely chiefly upon them for such information as will enable us to apply, in the most useful manner, whatever income may be at our disposal.

It is not needful we apprehend to say much of the inestimable value of the Scriptures, and the consequent duty of aiding in the distribution and encouraging the serious reading of them. When the minds of individuals are brought under religious impressions, and made to yeld to the humbling and enlightening influences of Christ's Spirit, they are generally drawn into the frequent careful perusal of the Holy Scriptures, and find in them a rich treasure of counsel, instruction and encouragement, in the arduous warfare with their soul's enemies, in which the Christian is called to engage as soon as his face is turned Zion-

ward. While the Society of Friends has been careful to avoid giving the Holy Scriptures a title they do not claim for themselves, and not to exalt them unduly as the chief agent in the great and all important work of the soul's salvation, its faithful members have never been wanting in a reverent esteem for them; believing, as expressed by George Fox, "that they were given forth by the Holy Spirit of God, that they are to be read, believed and fulfilled, (he that fulfils them is Christ,) and that they are profitable for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works; and are able to make wise unto salvation through faith in Christ Jesus."

On behalf of the Managers,

WILLIAM BETTLE, *Secretary.*

Philadelphia, Fourth month 14*th*, 1859.

Stock of Bibles and Testaments on hand Fourth month 1st, 1859.

394	Reference Bibles,	8vo., Bound.
645	School "	12mo. "
526	" "	24mo. "
208	Testaments and Psalms,	12mo. "
365	"	12mo. "
551	"	24mo. "
900	Reference Bibles,	8vo. Sheets.
256	Testaments and Psalms,	12mo. "
197	"	12mo. "
500	Psalms,	12mo. "

Summary of the Treasurer's Account.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand Fourth month 1st, 1858,	$974 40
Sales of Wilmington R. R. Loan,	1615 00
Real Estate rents,	1648 14
Auxiliaries,	533 30
Donations and Annual Subscriptions,	198 07
Interest on Investments,	308 79
Book Account,	254 70
	$5532 40

PAYMENTS.

Investment in City 6 per cents.,	$2156 25
Taxes for 1858,	194 55
Insurance, Water rent, &c.,	114 55
Paper,	725 12
Printing,	198 33
Binding,	771 97
Repairs to Stereotype Plates,	307 66
Incidentals,	41 16
Salary of Agent,	400 00
Balance Fourth month 1st, 1859,	622 81
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4. What number of families of Friends reside within its limits?

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6. How many members of our Society, capable of reading the Bible, do not own such a copy of the Holy Scriptures?

7. How many Bibles and Testaments may probably be disposed of by sale within your limits?

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10. What number would be required in order to furnish each member of our religious Society, capable of reading, who is destitute of a copy, and unable to purchase it?

11*. How many Bibles and Testaments of each kind are now on hand?

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* A full and explicit answer to this, with the other Queries, is particularly requested.

AUXILIARY SOCIETIES.

Vassalborough, Maine,	Auxiliary	Bible Association.
China,	do.	do.
New York, New York,		do.
Farmington,	do.	do.
Cornwall,	do.	do.
Duanesburg,	do.	do.
Purchase,	do.	do.
Ferrisburg, Vermont,		do.
Yonge Street, Upper Canada,		do.
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania,		do.
Red Stone,	do.	do.
Burlington, New Jersey,		do.
Haddonfield,	do.	do.
New Garden, N. C.,		do.
Deep River,	do.	do.
Southern,	do.	do.
Eastern,	do.	do.
Stillwater,	Ohio,	do.
Miami,	do.	do.
Salem,	do.	do.
Alum Creek,	do.	do.
Centre,	do.	do.
Flushing,	do.	do.
Fairfield,	do.	do.
Short Creek,	do.	do.
Chesterfield,	do.	do.
New Garden, Indiana,		do.
New Garden, Central,	do.	do.
Blue River,	do.	do.
White Water,	do.	do.
White Lick,	do.	do.
Westfield,	do.	do.
Springfield,	do.	do.
Western,	do.	do.
Spiceland,	do.	do.

Hamilton,	Indiana, Auxiliary	Bible Association.
Northern,	do.	do.
Honey Creek,	do.	do.
Concord,	do.	do.
Salem,	Iowa,	do.
Three River,	do.	do.
Pleasant Plain,	do.	do.
Winneshick,	do.	do.
Red Cedar,	do.	do.
Adrian,	Michigan,	do.

FORMS OF LEGACY.

1. *Form of a Bequest of Personal Estate.*

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The Depository of the Bible Association is at No. 116 North Fourth street, a few doors above Arch street. Communications respecting the business of the Office may be addressed to John Richardson, Agent.

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DEPOSITORY No. NORTH FOURTH STREET, UP STAIRS, PHILA.

PRICES OF BIBLES AND TESTAMENTS.

	Size of Bible or Testament.	Number of Vols.	How Bound.	Price.
Reference Bible { With Family Record, Index, & Concordance. } Super.	8vo.	2 vols.	Calf, pt. bk. &c.	$5 00
do. do. do.	do.	3 vols.	do. do.	6 00
do. do. do.	do.	2 vols.	Muslin	3 50
do. do. Fine	do.	1 vol.	Shp. pt. bk. &c.	1 25
do. do. do.	do.	2 vols.	do. do.	2 00
do. do. do.	do.	3 vols.	do. do.	2 50
do. do. do.	do.	1 vol.	Calf, do.	2 00
do. do. do.	do.	2 vols.	do. do.	3 00
do. do. do.	do.	3 vols.	do. do.	4 00
School Bible.....	24mo.	1 vol.	Plain Sheep....	45
do.	do.	1 vol.	Shp. flexible bk	70
do.	do.	1 vol.	Clf. embossed...	1 75
do.	do.	1 vol.	do. do. & gilt	2 25
do.	12mo.	1 vol.	Plain Sheep....	50
New Testament.....	24mo.	.....	Muslin	10
do.	do.	.....	Skiver	12½
do.	do.	.....	Sheep bands...	25
do.	do.	.....	Clf. embossed...	75
do.	do.	.....	do. do. & gilt	1 00
do.	do.	.....	Morocco do.	1 00
do.	do.	.....	Pocket bk. form	75
do.	12mo.	.....	½ bound Sheep	25
do.	do.	.....	Plain Sheep....	30
do.	do.	.....	Sheep, extra...	50
Testament and Psalms, bound together.....	do.	.....	Plain Sheep....	37½
do. do.	do.	.....	Sheep, extra...	55

THE

Thirty-first Annual Report

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READ AT THE ANNUAL MEETING, HELD ON THE EVENING OF THE FOURTEENTH OF FOURTH MONTH, 1860.

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TO THE

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The Managers present the following report of their proceedings during the past year:—

There have been issued from the Depository in the year ending Third month 31st, 1860, 2,146 Bibles, 1,475 Testaments, and 396 Testaments and Psalms; which is a rather larger issue of the Holy Scriptures than has been made by the Association for several years past. 428 Bibles, 285 Testaments, and 115 Testaments and Psalms were sold to Auxiliary Associations; and 1,254 Bibles, 872 Testaments, and 188 Testaments and Psalms, were furnished to them for gratuitous distribution or sale, at full or reduced prices, at their discretion. Our Committee on gratuitous distribution have given away 75 Bibles and 161 Testaments; and 389 Bibles, 183 Testaments, and 77 Testaments and Psalms, have been disposed of by sale to others.

One thousand copies of the Reference Bible, 2,000 school Bibles, 2,000 Testaments (12mo.), and 2,200 Testaments (24mo.), have been printed during the year.

Our stock on hand on the first instant, consisted of

369	Reference Bibles,	8vo.,	Bound.
207	School "	12mo.	"
234	" "	24mo.	"
167	Testaments and Psalms.		
621	Testaments,	12mo.	"
647	"	24mo.	"

IN SHEETS.

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400 Psalms.
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The Treasurer's account, with a summary of his receipts and disbursements, is herewith submitted. The nett amount of a Legacy of $100, bequeathed by our late esteemed friend Catharine W. Morris, is included in the Treasurer's receipts.

Reports have been received from the following Auxiliaries, namely,—Philadelphia; Fairfield, Ohio; Hamilton, Whitewater, Chesterfield, Westfield, and Western, Indiana; Vassalborough and China, Maine; and Burlington, New Jersey.

It is encouraging to find, from these reports, that our dear friends in various places, some of whom have long co-operated with us in this work of Christian benevolence, continue to feel a lively interest in it, and maintain their respective organizations in an active and efficient condition.

The wants of members of our own Religious Society having, through the persevering attention of past years, been—in most localities—pretty fully investigated and supplied; the distribution of the Auxiliaries, during the past year, has been mainly among persons not connected with Friends. In this more enlarged field of labor, they find ample room for profitable distribution. One Auxiliary states, that 3,402 families within the circle of its operations had been visited, and no fewer than 309 of them were found to be without Bibles. All of these, it is gratifying to learn, were supplied, either by sale or gift, except a few Roman Catholics, who would not accept the Bible offered them. The result of actual inquiry in that part of Indiana in which the Auxiliary is located, discloses the surprising and sorrowful fact, that about one family in nine or ten of the entire population at large, are entirely destitute of the Holy Scriptures. Another says,—"Our own families and members being pretty well supplied with the Holy Scriptures, we have of late commenced a more extended inquiry among others around us. The work is, as yet, only in its infancy; but a portion of your Bibles, together with a more enlarged assortment made up from other sources, have been thus disposed of."

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Auxiliaries and Donations,	1,187 17
Sales,	197 90
Interest on Investments,	332 80
Legacy of Catharine W. Morris (less collateral inheritance tax),	95 00
	$3,580 61

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Repairs of Stereotype Plates (paid from Sinking Fund),	$184 97
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Reference Bible	With Family Record, Index, & Concordance.	Super.	8vo.	2 vols.	Calf, pt. bk. &c.	$5 00
do.	do.	do.	do.	3 vols.	do. do.	6 00
do.	do.	do.	do.	2 vols.	Muslin	3 50
do.	do.	Fine	do.	1 vol.	Shp. pt. bk. &c.	1 25
do.	do.	do.	do.	2 vols.	do. do.	2 00
do.	do.	do.	do.	3 vols.	do. do.	2 50
do.	do.	do.	do.	1 vol.	Calf, do.	2 00
do.	do.	do.	do.	2 vols.	do. do.	3 00
do.	do.	do.	do.	3 vols.	do. do.	4 00
School Bible.....			24mo.	1 vol.	Plain Sheep....	45
do.			do.	1 vol.	Shp. flexible bk	70
do.			do.	1 vol.	Clf. embossed...	1 75
do.			do.	1 vol.	do. do. & gilt	2 25
do.			12mo.	1 vol.	Plain Sheep....	50
New Testament.....			24mo.	.....	Muslin	10
do.			do.	.....	Skiver	12½
do.			do.	.....	Sheep bands...	25
do.			do.	.....	Clf. embossed ..	75
do.			do.	.....	do. do. & gilt	1 00
do.			do.	.....	Morocco do.	1 00
do.			do.	.....	Pocket bk. form	75
do.			12mo.	.....	½ bound Sheep	25
do.			do.	.....	Plain Sheep....	30
do.			do.	.....	Sheep, extra...	50
Testament and Psalms, bound together.....			do.	.....	Plain Sheep....	37½
do. do.			do.	.....	Sheep, extra...	55

THE

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TO THE

BIBLE ASSOCIATION OF FRIENDS

IN AMERICA.

The Managers present the following Report of the proceedings of the past year:—

There have been issued from the Depository during the year ending Third month 31st, 1861, two thousand six hundred and three Bibles, two thousand two hundred and twenty-five Testaments, and four hundred and twenty-four Testaments and Psalms; which is a larger issue of the Holy Scriptures than has been made by the Association for a number of years past. Seven hundred and thirty-nine Bibles, three hundred and fifty-seven Testaments, and one hundred and sixty Testaments and Psalms, were sold to Auxiliary or other Bible Associations of Friends; the sales to Booksellers and Subscribers consisted of five hundred and one Bibles, two hundred and sixty-eight Testaments, and eighty-four Testaments and Psalms; the Committee on Gratuitous Distribution has disposed of fifty-nine Bibles, two hundred and seventy-two Testaments, and twelve Testaments and Psalms; and one thousand three hundred and four Bibles, one thousand three hundred and twenty-eight Testaments, and one hundred and sixty-eight Testaments and Psalms were furnished to auxiliaries and others, for gratuitous dis-

tribution, or sale at full or reduced prices at their discretion, the nett amount received for which sales is expected to be remitted to this Association.

One thousand Reference Bibles, one thousand School Bibles, one thousand Testaments, 12mo., five hundred Psalms, 12mo., and six hundred and fifty Testaments, 24mo., have been printed during the year.

Our stock on hand on the first instant, consisted of

464	Reference Bibles,	8vo.,	Bound.
69	School "	12mo.	"
387	" "	24mo.	"
142	Testaments and Psalms.		"
517	Testaments,	12mo.	"
435	"	24mo.	"
800	Reference Bibles in sheets.		
1,000	School Bibles,	24mo.	"
1,200	Testaments,	12mo.	"
500	Psalms,	"	"
350	Testaments,	24mo.	"

The Treasurer's account with a summary of his receipts and disbursements is herewith submitted.

Reports have been received from the following Auxiliaries, viz. China, Maine; Burlington, N. J.; Philadelphia, Pa.; Spiceland, Westfield, Hamilton, and White Water, Indiana; Fairfield and Chesterfield, Ohio; Red Cedar and Winneshick, Iowa. An acceptable communication from the Executive Committee of the Indiana Bible Association of Friends, has also been received.

Since the recent establishment of Bible Associations of Friends within the limits of Indiana, and Western Yearly Meetings, our Auxiliaries, in that section of the country, have generally become attached to the new organizations, and no longer correspond with us in their former capacity. This change has deprived us of much of the interesting information which their reports have usually furnished; but there is no reason to believe the Friends composing them have relaxed their efforts to promote the distribution of the Sacred Scriptures. A large portion of the Books issued from our Depository within the past year have been supplied to these Associations, on the same terms and conditions as when furnished to our own Auxiliaries, either gratuitously or otherwise; and though we have no particular account of the manner in which most of the volumes have been disposed of, it cannot be doubted they have been judiciously and usefully applied. Within the limits of a number of these Associations much care has been recently taken to ascertain accurately the wants of their several localities in respect to a proper supply of the Holy Scriptures. The investigation has shown, that a much greater number of individuals and families, in the community at large, are still unprovided with Bibles than had previously been considered probable. This destitution, we understand, is now being supplied by the Bibles and Testaments drawn from our Depository and from other sources.

The adult members of our own religious Society, are, it is believed, through the care taken for a number of

years past, now, with few exceptions all furnished with the Sacred Scriptures, and the families, very generally, with good Reference Bibles. A very different condition of things prevailed not a great many years since, and if our Association had been instrumental merely in supplying the wants which once existed among Friends in many of the newly settled portions of the United States, it has accomplished a good work, which abundantly repays all the labour bestowed. It has, however, limited comparatively as its operations may appear, also furnished the Holy Scriptures gratuitously for no small number of individuals who had no connection, in religious profession, with Friends. In the future prosecution of this work of Christian benevolence, it seems probable the field of distribution will be found (after supplying the wants of our younger members and immigrants to newly settled portions of the country) chiefly outside of our own religious denomination.

While it is quite true that the Holy Scriptures may, sometimes, be unduly exalted, and the attention of the mind not enough directed to the quickening, all-powerful "*Word nigh in the heart*," the appointed means for man's renovation and deliverance from evil:—it yet remains a solemn and interesting truth that, being given by Divine inspiration, they are profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness,—and are even able to make wise unto salvation, through *Faith* in Christ Jesus. Such being the character of these inestimable records, proper measures for promoting their circulation and

placing them within the reach of our fellow-creatures is surely a Christian duty, in the performance of which we should not permit ourselves to grow weary.

During the many years which have elapsed since the establishment of the Bible Association, a large portion of its original members have been called from work, to rewards, and as not many names have, in the same period, been added to the list of membership, it has become greatly reduced. The subject is now brought before the Annual Meeting as one which demands early attention in order that proper means may be taken to invite our younger Friends especially, to join the Association, and thus give their aid in sustaining and conducting a work of so much interest and value.

By direction and on behalf of the Managers,

JOHN CARTER,
Clerk for the time.

Philadelphia, Fourth month 11*th*, 1861.

Summary of the Treasurer's Account.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand Fourth month 5th, 1860,	$166 34
Rents of Depository Building,	1,054 99
Auxiliaries and Donations,	1,127 19
Sales,	438 78
Interest on Investments,	302 99
Lehigh Loan, paid off,	900 00
	$3,990 29

PAYMENTS.

Printing,	$406 27
Binding,	1,212 49
Paper,	1,104 59
Agent's Salary,	400 00
Incidentals,	65 22
Repairs to Depository Building,	130 33
Taxes,	205 55
Insurance on Stock, Water Rent, &c.,	64 55
Balance, Fourth month 1st, 1861,	401 29
	$3,990.29

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

BIBLE ASSOCIATION OF FRIENDS IN AMERICA.

ARTICLE I.

THE designation of this Society, shall be "The Bible Association of Friends in America."

ARTICLE II.

The objects of this Association shall be, to encourage a wider circulation, as well as a more frequent and serious perusal of the Holy Scriptures, and to promote a more accurate knowledge of their invaluable contents.

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The attention of this Association, shall be first directed to furnishing the Bible to such members of the Religious Society of Friends, as may not be duly supplied; and also, as its funds will permit, to other persons.

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Any person paying to the Treasurer of this Institution, Twenty-five dollars at one time, or three dollars annually, and being a member of the Religious Society of Friends, shall be a member of this Association.

ARTICLE V.

The Officers of this Association shall be, a Secretary, a Treasurer, a Committee of Correspondence, and a Board of Managers.

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The Association shall appoint annually, fifteen of its members as Managers, to conduct its business. They shall be entrusted with the printing and distribution of the Holy Scriptures, in such manner, and at such prices, as they may judge proper, consistent with the objects of this Association. They shall have the power of filling such vacancies

in the list of Officers, or of the Managers, as may occur in the recess of the Association; and of calling Special Meetings of the Association whenever they may deem it expedient. A report of their proceedings shall be laid before the Association, at its Annual Meeting.

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A Committee of three persons shall be appointed annually, to correspond with Societies or individuals, on behalf of this Association, under the direction of the Managers.

ARTICLE VIII.

It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive and keep in trust, all monies and title deeds, and papers relating to the real estate of the Association; he shall pay all orders drawn by it or the Board of Managers; shall make a quarterly statement of his accounts to the latter; and he shall also make an Annual Report to them at their Meeting in the fourth month, of his receipts and payments during the past year; which report shall be submitted, after due examination, to the Annual Meeting of the Association. He shall deposit all monies received by him, on account of the Association, in its name, in one of the Banks in the City of Philadelphia, and pay all orders by checks; and he shall keep the accounts in a separate book, provided for the purpose.

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All the Officers of the Association shall be *ex-officio* members of the Board of Managers; and seven members shall constitute a quorum.

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Such members of the Religious Society of Friends, as may form themselves into Bible Associations, under the rules recommended by this Association, shall be considered as Auxiliaries, and entitled to privileges hereinafter provided.

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No alteration shall be made in this Constitution, but at an Annual Meeting, and with the consent of two-thirds of the members present.

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Rules for the government of the Auxiliary Associations.

The objects and Constitution of the Bible Association of Friends in America, having the approbation of this meeting, it is agreed, that a Society be now formed under the following rules, to be called the "——— Auxiliary Bible Association of Friends," for the purpose of supplying Friends and others, in this vicinity, with the Holy Scriptures, encouraging the frequent and serious perusal of them, and promoting a more accurate knowledge of their invaluable contents; also, of co-operating with the Bible Association of Friends in America, in furthering their important objects in other places.

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TO THE

BIBLE ASSOCIATION OF FRIENDS

IN AMERICA.

The Managers present the following Report of the proceedings for the past year:—

There have been issued from the Depository during the year ending Third month 31st, 1862, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-six Bibles, 1706 Testaments, and 221 Testaments and Psalms, which though less than last year, is nearly equal to the average issue for the preceding ten years.

Six hundred and seventeen Bibles, three hundred and seventy-five Testaments, and sixty-eight Testaments and Psalms were sold to Auxiliary or other Bible Associations of Friends; the sales to Booksellers and Subscribers consisted of three hundred and fifty-eight Bibles, three hundred and ninety-two Testaments and fifty-three Testaments and Psalms; the Committee on Gratuitous Distribution has disposed of seventy Bibles, two hundred and seventy-seven Testaments and twenty Testaments and Psalms; and seven hundred and forty-one Bibles, six hundred and sixty-two Testaments and eighty Testaments and Psalms have been furnished to Auxiliaries and others, for gratuit-

ous distribution, or sale at full or reduced prices at their discretion, the nett amount received for which sales is expected to be remitted to this Association.

One thousand Reference Bibles, and three thousand 24mo. Testaments, have been printed during the year.

Our stock on hand on the first instant, consisted of Bound volumes as follows: Reference Bibles, 465. School Bibles, 471. Large Testaments, 736. Small do., 398. Testaments and Psalms, 122; and in sheets 1,000 Reference Bibles, 2,000 Testaments 24mo., and 600 Testaments and Psalms 12mo.

The Treasurer's account with a summary of the receipts and disbursements is herewith submitted.

Reports have been received from the following Auxiliaries, viz. Winneshick and Red Cedar, Iowa; Spiceland, and Westfield, Ind.; Burlington, N. J.; South China, Maine; and Philadelphia.

It is gratifying to find from these communications that many of our dear Friends at a distance continue to feel a lively interest in the distribution of the Bible, and are still diligently engaged in efforts to place it within the reach of those who might otherwise remain but little acquainted with the solemn and all important truths which its pages unfold. One of these states that there is an increasing interest in the work apparent within its limits; in some neighborhoods all the families had been visited and an unex-

pected extent of destitution had been disclosed. On careful enquiry it had been ascertained that about one tenth of all the families visited were without Bibles and proper measures had been taken to supply their wants.

The number of our Auxiliaries in the West has been much reduced since the establishment of Bible Associations within the limits of Western and Indiana Yearly Meetings, to which most of our former Auxiliaries are now attached. Several of these however still draw their supplies in part from our Depository, and it does not appear that the change in the manner of conducting their operations has been attended with any diminution of zeal and industry in the good work of distributing the Holy Scriptures. One of these Auxiliary Associations which is now a branch of the Indiana Bible Association of Friends has kindly forwarded a report of its proceedings during the last year, from which it appears that much patient care and labour have been taken to ascertain and supply the wants of the community within its limits. With this view no fewer than 1182 families had been visited, of whom 140 were found destitute of a Bible. All of these were furnished with copies of the Holy Scriptures, except a few who refused to receive them. The same Auxiliary has disposed of a large number of Bibles and Testaments by sale.

In several instances the work hitherto performed by Auxiliary Associations has been during the past year in measure attended to by individuals. Inter-

esting statements from some of these have been received, and we desire to acknowledge the value of their aid and co-operation in this labor of Christian benevolence.

The duty of obtaining an increase in the number of members of the Association which was devolved upon the Managers by its last annual meeting has received attention. They recommend a change in the amount of the contribution and yearly payment at present required for membership, which change, will as they believe, materially facilitate the attainment of this desirable object.

When this Association commenced its labors a considerable portion of our Religious Society situated in remote parts of the country, especially in new settlements, were but partially supplied with the Holy Scriptures, not only numerous individuals but entire families being without any copy of the Bible. The primary object in view in organizing the Association was the supply of this lamentable want, and it is no small cause of satisfaction to believe it has now been pretty fully attained, the Reports received for several years past representing that the families of Friends are, with very few exceptions, furnished with good Bibles, and in various localities by far the greater portion of the individual members capable of reading are likewise supplied. We are consequently less restricted than heretofore in the distribution, but we do not apprehend that the work has lost any of its interest or importance. When we consider the inesti-

mable value of the Holy Scriptures as the inspired records of the pure and precious doctrines of the Christian religion, and as containing moral precepts and admonitions of the highest excellence, we must, if our hearts are duly warmed with the love of Christ and of our fellow-men, desire that every human being who in the allotment of Providence has been made capable of appreciating it, should also possess, and rightly value, so great a treasure. It is therefore to be hoped that the beneficent operations of the Association will be continued during many coming years, and that in its limited and appropriate sphere it may still contribute to promote the cause of virtue and religion.

Signed on behalf and by direction of the Managers,

WM. BETTLE, *Secretary.*

Philadelphia, Fourth month 17th, 1862.

Summary of the Treasurer's Account.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand Fourth month 1st, 1861,	$401 29
Rents of Depository Building,	1,052 13
Auxiliaries and Donations,	1,200 98
Sales,	308 87
Interest on Investments,	256 55
Annual Subscriptions from Members,	45 00
	$3,264 82

PAYMENTS.

Printing,	$62 97
Binding,	762 16
Paper,	760 35
Agent's Salary,	400 00
Repairs to Depository Building,	49 27
Insurance,	20 00
Incidentals,	62 16
Water Rent,	39 55
Balance, Fourth month 3d, 1862.	1,108 36
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Rules for the government of the Auxiliary Associations.

The objects and Constitution of the Bible Association of Friends in America, having the approbation of this meeting, it is agreed, that a Society be now formed under the following rules, to be called the "——— Auxiliary Bible Association of Friends," for the purpose of supplying Friends and others, in this vicinity, with the Holy Scriptures, encouraging the frequent and serious perusal of them, and promoting a more accurate knowledge of their invaluable contents; also, of co-operating with the Bible Association of Friends in America, in furthering their important objects in other places.

RULES.

1st. Any person paying to the Treasurer dollars at one time, or dollars annually, and being a member of the religious Society of Friends, shall be a member of this Association.

2nd. Any member of the Bible Association of Friends in America, residing in this district, shall be considered a member of this Auxiliary Association.

3rd. The officers of this Association shall be a Secretary, Treasurer, and a Committee of Correspondence.

4th. The Committee of Correspondence shall consist of the Secretary, Treasurer, and members, to be chosen annually: they shall have the power of filling vacancies in their own body, and shall be authorized to act on behalf of the Association, during its recess: they shall meet monthly, and keep fair minutes of all their proceedings, which, with the correspondence, shall be laid before the Association at its Quarterly meetings. members shall form a quorum.

5th. The Association shall meet once in three months, on the day of . At the first Quarterly Meeting in each year, a statement of the accounts, and of the number of Bibles and Testaments distributed, and on hand, shall be exhibited; the several officers appointed; and a detailed report of the pro-

ceedings during the preceding year, be prepared and forwarded to the Secretary of the Bible Association of Friends in America; to attend the Annual Meeting of which, delegates may be appointed.

6th. The amount of subscriptions and donations to this Association, after deducting the necessary expenses, shall be remitted annually to the Treasurer of the Bible Association of Friends in America, in consideration of the provision made in the twelfth article of its Constitution, viz: "The full amount paid by Auxiliary Societies to the Treasurer of this Association, shall be returned to them, if demanded within the current year, in Bibles or Testaments at the lowest prices, subject to the regulations which may be established by the Managers; but all sums not so demanded, shall remain at the disposal of this Association to aid in promoting its general objects."

7th. Every subscriber to this Association shall be entitled to a return of one-half of the amount of his life or annual subscription, in Bibles or Testaments at cost, under such regulations as may be hereafter adopted.

8th. The members of the Association shall appoint committees, whose duty it shall be to solicit subscriptions in their respective neighbourhoods, and to inquire what families, individuals or schools, are in want of Bibles or Testaments, and make report thereof to the Association or the Committee of Correspondence, in order that they may be promptly supplied, either at prime cost or otherwise, according to circumstances.

9th. A list of such committees shall be kept by the Secretary; and at every Quarterly Meeting, each committee shall be called upon to report the state of its neighbourhood; the amount of moneys collected, and the number of Bibles and Testaments distributed or required.

10th. Any member ceasing to be a member of the religious Society of Friends, shall cease to be a member of this Association.

QUERIES ADDRESSED TO AUXILIARIES.

1. What number of families or individuals have been gratuitously furnished with the Holy Scriptures by the Auxiliary during the past year?

2. What number of Bibles and Testaments have been sold by the Auxiliary, within the past year?

3. How many members, male and female, are there belonging to the Auxiliary?

4. What number of families of Friends reside within its limits?

5. Are there any families of Friends within your limits not supplied with a copy of the Holy Scriptures in good clear type, and on fair paper; if so, how many?

6. How many members of our Society, capable of reading the Bible, do not own such a copy of the Holy Scriptures?

7. How many Bibles and Testaments may probably be disposed of by sale within your limits?

8. Is the income of the Auxiliary sufficient to supply those within its limits who are not duly furnished with the Holy Scriptures?

9. What number of Bibles and Testaments would it be necessary for the Bible Association to furnish gratuitously to enable the Auxiliary to supply each family?

10. What number would be required in order to furnish each member of our religious Society, capable of reading, who is destitute of a copy, and unable to purchase it?

11*. How many Bibles and Testaments of each kind are now on hand?

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* A full and explicit answer to this, with the other Queries, is particularly requested.

AUXILIARY SOCIETIES.

Vassalborough, Maine, Auxiliary Bible Association.
China, do. do.
New York, New York, do.
Farmington, do. do.
Cornwall, do. do.
Duanesburg, do. do.
Purchase, do. do.
Ferrisburgh, Vermont, do.
Yonge Street, Upper Canada, do.
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, do.
Red Stone, do. do.
Burlington, New Jersey, do.
Haddonfield, do. do.
New Garden, N. C., do.
Deep River, do. do.
Southern, do. do.
Eastern, do. do.
Stillwater, Ohio, do.
Miami, do. do.
Salem, do. do.
Alum Creek, do. do.
Centre, po. do.
Flushing, do. do.
Fairfield, do. do.
Short Creek, do. do.
Chesterfield, do. do.
New Garden, Indiana, do.
New Garden, Central, do. do.
Blue River, do. do.
White Water, do. do.
White Lick, do. do.
Westfield, do. do.
Springfield, do. do.
Western, do. do.
Spiceland, do. do.

Hamilton,	Indiana, Auxiliary	Bible Association.
Northern,	do.	do.
Honey Creek,	do.	do.
Concord,	do.	do.
Salem,	Iowa,	do.
Three River,	do.	do.
Pleasant Plain,	do.	do.
Winneshick,	do.	do.
Red Cedar,	do.	do.
Adrian,	Michigan,	do.

FORMS OF LEGACY.

1. *Form of a Bequest of Personal Estate.*

"I give and bequeath to A. B. and A. C. and the survivor of them, and the executors and administrators of such survivor, the sum of in trust for the use of an Institution in Philadelphia, known by the name of 'The Bible Association of Friends in America,' and to be paid by the said Trustees to the Treasurer for the time being of the said Institution."

2. *Form of a Devise of Real Estate.*

"I give and devise to A. B. and C. D. and their heirs, all that (here describe the property) together with the appurtenances, to hold to them the said A. B. and C. D. and the survivor of them, and the beirs of such survivors for ever; in trust nevertheless for the sole use and benefit of an Institution in Philadelphia, known by the name of 'The Bible Association of Friends in America,' and upon this further trust, absolutely to dispose of, and convey the same, either in fee, or for such other estate, and in such way and manner, as the members of the said Association shall, at any meeting or meetings, order, direct and appoint."

The Depository of the Bible Association is at No. 116 North Fourth street, a few doors above Arch street. Communications respecting the business of the Office may be addressed to John Richardson, Agent.

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DEPOSITORY No. 116 NORTH FOURTH STREET, UP STAIRS, PHILA.

PRICES OF BIBLES AND TESTAMENTS.

		Size of Bible or Testament.	Number of Vols.	How Bound.	Price.
Reference Bible { With Family Record, Index, & Concordance. }	Super.	8vo.	2 vols.	Calf, pt. bk. &c.	$5 00
do. do.	do.	do.	3 vols.	do. do.	6 00
do. do.	do.	do.	2 vols.	Muslin	3 50
do. do.	Fine	do.	1 vol.	Shp. pt. bk. &c.	1 25
do. do.	do.	do.	2 vols.	do. do.	2 00
do. do.	do.	do.	3 vols.	do. do.	2 50
do. do.	do.	do.	1 vol.	Calf, do.	2 00
do. do.	do.	do.	2 vols.	do. do.	3 00
do. do.	do.	do.	3 vols.	do. do.	4 00
School Bible		24mo.	1 vol.	Plain Sheep	45
do.		do.	1 vol.	Shp. flexible bk	70
do.		do.	1 vol.	Clf. embossed	1 75
do.		do.	1 vol.	do. do. & gilt	2 25
do.		12mo.	1 vol.	Plain Sheep	50
New Testament		24mo.	.....	Muslin	10
do.		do.	.....	Skiver	12½
do.		do.	.....	Sheep bands	25
do		do.	.....	Clf. embossed	75
do.		do.	.....	do. do. & gilt	1 00
do.		do.	.....	Morocco do.	1 00
do.		do.	.....	Pocket bk. form	75
do.		12mo.	.....	½ bound Sheep	25
do.		do.	.....	Plain Sheep	30
do.		do.	.....	Sheep, extra	50
Testament and Psalms, bound together		do.	.....	Plain Sheep	37½
do. do.		do.	.....	Sheep, extra	55

THE

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An edition of one thousand copies of the Reference Bible has been printed during the year, and a further supply of that, as well as of the smaller Bible and Testament, is now in press.

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We have been under the necessity of advancing the prices of all our books materially in consequence of the greatly enhanced cost of publication.

The Treasurer's account with a statement of the Receipts and Disbursements is herewith submitted.

Reports have been received from the following Auxiliaries, viz. China, Maine; Burlington, New Jersey; Philadelphia, Pa.; Fairfield, Ohio; Westfield and White Water, Indiana; Bangor, Winneshick and Red Cedar, Iowa. (9)

These reports, together with communications from Friends in distant localities who are engaged in promoting the good work of Scripture distribution, show

that a lively interest in the subject is still felt in various quarters. In consequence of the measures adopted in past years, the wants of members of our own religious Society appear now to be pretty generally supplied, but there yet remains a wide unoccupied field of labor in the community at large. In some sections an amount of destitution still exists which seems truly surprising in view of the abundant supply of the Sacred Writings in this country, and the means taken to make them accessible to all classes. It is to be feared the explanation must be found, in part at least, in a deficient appreciation on the part of many, of the great value of the Bible, and the accompanying indifference in regard to those things which are of the greatest moment to beings destined for immortality.

From a distant Auxiliary we learn that visits of enquiry had been made to about 800 families residing within or near its limits, among whom it was found that only about four-fifths of the whole were provided with copies of the Bible. In some neighborhoods every fourth family was found to be destitute, in others every fifth or sixth. If such investigations were made in other newly settled districts, it is to be apprehended a similar condition of things would be found to exist: and in view of the various circumstances of a large yearly immigration, the growing up and settlement of young families, and the general scarcity of means at the outset of life in a new country, we may reasonably anticipate a serious want to be supplied during many coming years. Another

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The amendments to the Constitution adopted at our last Annual Meeting have had the desired effect of enlarging the number of members of the Association.

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From Life Members,	100 00
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Binding,	903 94
Paper,	400 05
Agent's Salary,	400 00
Taxes and Water Rent,	420 55
Insurance,	36 69
Incidentals,	61 27
*Balance due Association Fourth month 1st, 1863,	1,573 08
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3. How many members, male and female, are there belonging to the Auxiliary?

4. What number of families of Friends reside within its limits?

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6. How many members of our Society, capable of reading the Bible, do not own such a copy of the Holy Scriptures?

7. How many Bibles and Testaments may probably be disposed of by sale within your limits?

8. Is the income of the Auxiliary sufficient to supply those within its limits who are not duly furnished with the Holy Scriptures?

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* A full and explicit answer to this, with the other Queries, is particularly requested.

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Purchase,	do.	do.
Ferrisburgh, Vermont,		do.
Yonge Street, Upper Canada,		do.
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania,		do.
Red Stone,	do.	do.
Burlington, New Jersey,		do.
Haddonfield,	do.	do.
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Alum Creek,	do.	do.
Centre,	po.	do.
Flushing,	do.	do.
Fairfield,	do.	do.
Short Creek,	do.	do.
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PRICES OF BIBLES AND TESTAMENTS.

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do. do.	do.	Calf do. "	3 00
School Bible	24mo.	Plain Sheep	60
do.	do.	Sheep, flexible bk.	1 00
do.	do.	Calf, embossed	1 75
do.	do.	do. do. & gilt	2 25
New Testament	24mo.	Muslin	12
do.	do.	Skiver	15
do.	12mo.	½ bound	35
do.	do.	Plain Sheep	40
do.	do.	Sheep, extra	60
Testament and Psalms, bound together	do.	Plain Sheep	50
do. do.	do.	Sheep, extra	70

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TO THE

BIBLE ASSOCIATION OF FRIENDS

IN AMERICA.

The Managers present the following Report of the proceedings of the past year.

There have been issued from the Depository during the year ending Third month 31st, 1864, one thousand five hundred and forty-nine Bibles, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-nine Testaments, and two hundred and fifty-three Testaments and Psalms. Four hundred and nine Bibles, three hundred and ninety-four Testaments, and seventy-two Testaments and Psalms were sold to Auxiliary or other Bible Associations of Friends. The sales to booksellers and subscribers eonsisted of two hundred and thirty-nine Bibles, three hundred and twelve Testaments and twenty-three Testaments and Psalms. The Committee on Gratuitous Distribution has disposed of eighty-four Bibles, six hundred and twenty Testaments, and one hundred and ten Testaments and Psalms, and six hundred and ninety-seven Bibles, five hundred and thirteen Testaments and forty-eight Testaments and Psalms have been furnished to Auxiliaries and others for gratuitous distribution or sale at full or reduced prices at their discretion, the nett amount received for which sales is expected to be remitted to this Association.

Five hundred Reference Bibles, one thousand School Bibles, one thousand Testaments and Psalms, and three thousand small Testaments have been printed during the year, and an edition of 1000 Reference Bibles is now in press. Our stock on hand on the 1st inst. consisted of bound volumes as follow: Reference Bibles 441, Medium and School Bibles 558, Large Testaments 544, Small do. 469, Testaments and Psalms 258. In sheets 40 Reference Bibles, 800 School Bibles, 600 Testaments and Psalms, and 1429 Small Testaments.

The Treasurer's account with a statement of the Receipts and Disbursements is herewith submitted. On the first instant there was a balance of $804 91 in his hands due the Association.

Reports from the following named Auxiliaries have been received, viz. Burlington, N. J.; Philadelphia, Pa.; Westfield and Spiceland, Indiana; and Fairfield, Ohio. The number of Auxiliary Associations in connection and direct co-operation with the Bible Association of Friends in America, has been much reduced by the establishment of Bible Associations of Friends in the Western country, to which most of our former Auxiliaries have now become attached. Several of these, however, continue to act as our agents in the distribution and sale of the Holy Scriptures, and also purchase a part of their general supply from our Depository. We have nevertheless to regret the want of the interesting and valuable information which their yearly reports formerly furnished.

The wants of members of our religious Society appear to be now in good measure supplied, there being

it is believed very few if any families of Friends who are not provided with complete volumes of the Holy Scriptures, and in most places the greater portion of the individual members capable of reading have also separate copies. In regard to the community at large and more especially in the newly settled districts of our wide spread country, there is doubtless room for much labor in ascertaining and supplying the wants of those who are destitute either from poverty or indifference. To the extent of our limited means we are desirous of aiding in this good work, and desire to encourage our dear Friends who are so located as to be able to act efficiently to co-operate with us, either in their individual capacity, or when practicable by uniting in Auxiliary Associations. Much good may, we apprehend, be done by such with a very small expenditure of means, as the Association is prepared to furnish Bibles and Testaments without charge for the purpose of gratuitous distribution leaving also the Auxiliaries or individuals acting as our agents at liberty to sell at low prices when it seems desirable to do so, all that is expected being that the nett proceeds of sales should be remitted to us.

A new field of Bible distribution, almost unlimited in extent, appears to be opening by the emancipation of multitudes of bondmen in the Southern portions of the United States. Many of these long oppressed people eagerly avail themselves of the opportunities now presented of acquiring the knowledge from which they have hitherto been debarred, and they ought to be provided with copies of the Holy Scriptures as soon as they are able to read them, which says the

apostle, are able to make wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. No other book will so much aid in dispelling their mental darkness and preparing them for their new duties and responsibilities as free men and women. If happily through the aid of Divine Grace and the inshining of that true Light which lighteth every man that cometh into the world, they shall be favored to obtain living faith in Christ their Redeemer, and know his blessed Spirit to rule in their hearts, they will receive a far greater boon than that of deliverance from life-long servitude.

The following observations contained in a former report appear to be still applicable. "When we consider the inestimable value of the Holy Scriptures as the inspired records of the pure and precious doctrines of the Christian religion, and as containing moral precepts and admonitions of the highest excellence, we must, if our hearts are rightly warmed with the love of Christ and of our fellow men, desire that every human being, who in the allotment of Providence has been made capable of appreciating it, should also possess and rightly value so great a treasure. It is therefore to be hoped that the beneficent operations of the Association will be continued during many coming years, and that in its limited and appropriate sphere it may still contribute to promote the cause of virtue and religion.

Signed on behalf and by direction of the Managers.

WILLIAM BETTLE, *Secretary.*

Philadelphia, Fourth Month 14, 1864.

Summary of the Treasurer's Account.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand Fourth month 1st, 1863, - -	$1,573 08
Rents of Depository Building, - - -	1,535 83
Auxiliaries, Donations and Annual Subscriptions, -	1,486 92
Sales, - - - - - -	294 06
Interest on Investments, - - - -	253 14
	$5,143 03

PAYMENTS.

Paper, - - - - - - -	$2,447 68
Printing, - - - - - -	265 07
Binding, - - - - - -	775 83
Agent's Salary, - - - - -	400 00
Taxes and Water Rent, - - - - -	210 50
Insurance, - - - - - -	27 00
Pennsylvania Bible Society for medium Bibles, - -	125 88
American Tract Society, - - - -	18 75
Incidentals, - - - - - -	67 41
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CONSTITUTION

OF THE

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The attention of this Association, shall be first directed to furnishing the Bible to such members of the Religious Society of Friends, as may not be duly supplied; and also, as its funds will permit, to other persons.

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The Officers of this Association shall be, a Secretary, a Treasurer, a Committee of Correspondence, and a Board of Managers.

ARTICLE VI.

The Association shall appoint annually, fifteen of its members as Managers, to conduct its business. They shall be entrusted with the printing and distribution of the Holy Scriptures, in such manner, and at such prices, as they may judge proper, consistent with the objects of this Association. They shall have the power of filling such vacancies

in the list of Officers, or of the Managers, as may occur in the recess of the Association; and of calling Special Meetings of the Association whenever they may deem it expedient. A report of their proceedings shall be laid before the Association, at its Annual Meeting.

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A Committee of three persons shall be appointed annually, to correspond with Societies or individuals, on behalf of this Association, under the direction of the Managers.

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It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive and keep in trust, all monies and title deeds, and papers relating to the real estate of the Association; he shall pay all orders drawn by it or the Board of Managers; shall make a quarterly statement of his accounts to the latter; and he shall also make an Annual Report to them at their Meeting in the fourth month, of his receipts and payments during the past year; which report shall be submitted, after due examination, to the Annual Meeting of the Association. He shall deposit all monies received by him, on account of the Association, in its name, in one of the Banks in the City of Philadelphia, and pay all orders by checks; and he shall keep the accounts in a separate book, provided for the purpose.

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All the Officers of the Association shall be *ex-officio* members of the Board of Managers; and seven members shall constitute a quorum.

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Every person paying to the Treasurer of an Auxiliary Society, the sum of Twenty dollars at one time, or two dollars annually, and being a member of the Religious Society of Friends, shall, on producing a receipt for such payment, be entitled to the privileges of membership in this Association.

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There have been issued from the Depository during the year ending Third month 31, 1865, one thousand one hundred and seventy-eight Bibles, two thousand three hundred and thirty-two Testaments, and six hundred and sixty-nine Testaments and Psalms. The number of Bibles issued is less than in the year preceding, while that of Testaments, and Testaments and Psalms, has been largely increased. Two hundred and fifty-one Bibles, eight hundred and ninety-one Testaments, and two hundred and eighty-eight Testaments and Psalms were sold to Auxiliary or other Bible Associations of Friends. The sales to booksellers and subscribers consisted of three hundred and thirty-one Bibles, five hundred and three Testaments, and two hundred and thirty-four Testaments and Psalms. The Committee on Gratuitous Distribution has disposed of one hundred and thirty-one Bibles, four hundred and twenty-eight Testaments, and one hundred and thirty-one Testaments and

Psalms; and four hundred and sixty-five Bibles, five hundred and ten Testaments and sixteen Testaments and Psalms have been furnished to Auxiliaries and others for gratuitous distribution or sale at full or reduced prices at their discretion, the nett amount received for which sales is expected to be remitted to this Association.

One thousand Reference Bibles, two thousand large Testaments, two thousand small do., fifteen hundred large Testaments and Psalms, and fifteen hundred small do., have been printed during the year, and an edition of the School Bible is now in press. Our stock on hand on the first instant consisted of bound volumes as follows: Reference Bibles 664, Medium do. 97, School do. 531, Large Testaments and Psalms 262, small do. 846, Large Testaments 373 Small do. 489. In sheets 400 copies of the Reference Bible, 1500 Testaments and Psalms 12mo., and 500 do. 24mo.; 1400 Testaments 12mo., and 1700 do. 24mo.

The Treasurer's account with a statement of the Receipts and Disbursements is herewith submitted. On the first inst. there was a balance in his hands of $260.87 due the Association.

Reports have been received from the following Auxiliaries, viz: Burlington, N. J.; Philadelphia, Pa.; Fairfield, Ohio; Spiceland, Ind.; Winneshick, Iowa; Bangor, Iowa; Westfield, Ind.; and Spring Dale, Iowa.

These communications show that our friends who are engaged in the good work of Scripture distribution continue to feel a lively interest in this labor. In most places the wants of members of our own Religious Society appear to be in great measure supplied, but there still remains an ample field for useful distribution in the community at large. A great portion of the Bibles and Testaments disposed of by our Committee on Gratuitous Distribution during the past year, were for the use of freed people of color, and some of those supplied to Auxiliaries have been applied in a similar manner. The momentous events now transpiring point to far greater needs in the future.

Within the past year the number of emancipated bondmen in the Southern portion of our country has been very largely increased, and it now appears probable that at no distant period the whole colored population of the United States will receive the freedom to which they are justly entitled. In this great social revolution, brought about by the very means which wicked and infatuated men devised to perpetuate and extend the iniquitous system of human bondage, may be discerned the hand of that omnipotent Power who rules over all, causing the wrath of man to praise Him, and making even the follies and crimes of his creatures to be instrumental in the accomplishment of his own high purposes. The darkness which has hitherto enveloped the unhappy victims of a cruel and degrading servitude, will, we may joyfully anticipate be dispelled under the more favorable circumstances by

which, it is hoped, they will in future be surrounded. Many of these poor people appear eager to acquire knowledge and there is ground to hope that the assistance and instruction they require will be freely given by the grateful inhabitants of a land which has been marvellously delivered from a grievous burden and reproach. When the many thousands of liberated slaves become readers there will be an opening for a largely increased distribution of the Holy Scriptures, and means should certainly be devised to supply all who are destitute. As was remarked in the report of last year no other book will so much aid in removing their mental darkness and preparing them for their new duties and responsibilities as free men and women.

Considering the probable extent of the want to be supplied in the Southern States, it would seem proper that our Association should be provided with more ample funds to enable it to take its proper share in this work of Christian benevolence. It is many years since Friends have contributed much to the Bible Association, and as they generally feel deeply interested in behalf of the Freedmen, it cannot be doubted that an application for the means to enable us to furnish this class of persons with Bibles would be responded to with cheerfulness and liberality.

Signed on behalf and by direction of the Managers.

WILLIAM BETTLE, *Secretary.*

Philadelphia, Fourth Month 13*th*, 1865.

Summary of the Treasurer's Account.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand Fourth month 1st, 1864, - -	$804 91
Interest received, - - - - -	251 62
Rents, do. - - - - -	1,685 95
Auxiliaries, Donations and Annual Subscriptions, -	1,284 90
Sales of Books, - - - - - -	318 59
	$4,345 97

PAYMENTS.

Amount paid for Paper, - - - -	$1,592 62
" " Binding, - - - -	1,191 84
" " Printing, - - - -	419 30
" " Packing Boxes, - - -	12 80
" " Plumbing, - - - -	13 50
" " Repairs to Real Estate, - -	11 16
" " Water Rent and Sewerage, 1864 and 1865,	79 55
" " Taxes for 1865, - - -	255 87
" " Insurance, . - - -	27 00
" " Stamps, - - - -	45
" " Incidental Expenses, - -	81 01
" " Salary of Agent, - - -	400 00
Balance due Association Third month 31st, 1865, -	260 87
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ceedings during the preceding year, be prepared and forwarded to the Secretary of the Bible Association of Friends in America; to attend the Annual Meeting of which, delegates may be appointed.

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7th. Every subscriber to this Association shall be entitled to a return of one-half of the amount of his life or annual subscription, in Bibles or Testaments at cost, under such regulations as may be hereafter adopted.

8th. The members of the Association shall appoint committees, whose duty it shall be to solicit subscriptions in their respective neighbourhoods, and to inquire what families, individuals or schools, are in want of Bibles or Testaments, and make report thereof to the Association or the Committee of Correspondence, in order that they may be promptly supplied, either at prime cost or otherwise, according to circumstances.

9th. A list of such committees shall be kept by the Secretary; and at every Quarterly Meeting, each committee shall be called upon to report the state of its neighbourhood; the amount of moneys collected, and the number of Bibles and Testaments distributed or required.

10th. Any member ceasing to be a member of the religious Society of Friends, shall cease to be a member of this Association.

QUERIES ADDRESSED TO AUXILIARIES.

1. What number of families or individuals have been gratuitously furnished with the Holy Scriptures by the Auxiliary during the past year?

2. What number of Bibles and Testaments have been sold by the Auxiliary, within the past year?

3. How many members, male and female, are there belonging to the Auxiliary?

4. What number of families of Friends reside within its limits?

5. Are there any families of Friends within your limits not supplied with a copy of the Holy Scriptures in good clear type, and on fair paper; if so, how many?

6. How many members of our Society, capable of reading the Bible, do not own such a copy of the Holy Scriptures?

7. How many Bibles and Testaments may probably be disposed of by sale within your limits?

8. Is the income of the Auxiliary sufficient to supply those within its limits who are not duly furnished with the Holy Scriptures?

9. What number of Bibles and Testaments would it be necessary for the Bible Association to furnish gratuitously to enable the Auxiliary to supply each family?

10. What number would be required in order to furnish each member of our religious Society, capable of reading, who is destitute of a copy, and unable to purchase it?

11*. How many Bibles and Testaments of each kind are now on hand?

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* A full and explicit answer to this, with the other Queries, is particularly requested.

The following is a list of all the Auxiliaries which have been formed since the organization of the Association.

Vassalborough,	Maine,	Auxiliary Bible Association.
China,	do.	do.
New York,	New York,	do.
Farmington,	do.	do.
Cornwall,	do.	do.
Duanesburg,	do.	do.
Purchase,	do.	do.
Ferrisburgh,	Vermont,	do.
Yonge Street,	Upper Canada,	do.
Philadelphia,	Pennsylvania,	do.
Red Stone,	do.	do.
Burlington,	New Jersey,	do.
Haddonfield,	do.	do.
New Garden,	N. C.,	do.
Deep River,	do.	do.
Southern,	do.	do.
Eastern,	do.	do.
Stillwater,	Ohio,	do.
Miami,	do.	do.
Salem,	do.	do.
Alum Creek,	do.	do.
Centre,	do.	do.
Flushing,	do.	do.
Fairfield,	do.	do.
Short Creek,	do.	do.
Chesterfield,	do.	do.
New Garden,	Indiana,	do.
New Garden,	Central, do.	do.
Blue River,	do.	do.
White Water,	do.	do.
White Lick,	do.	do.
Westfield,	do.	do.
Springfield,	do.	do.
Western,	do.	do.
Spiceland,	do.	do.

Hamilton,	Indiana, Auxiliary	Bible Association.
Northern,	do.	do.
Honey Creek,	do.	do.
Concord,	do.	do.
Salem,	Iowa,	do.
Three River,	do.	do.
Pleasant Plain,	do.	do.
Winneshick,	do.	do.
Red Cedar,	do.	do.
Adrian,	Michigan,	do.

FORMS OF LEGACY.

1. *Form of a Bequest of Personal Estate.*

"I give and bequeath to A. B. and A. C. and the survivor of them, and the executors and administrators of such survivor, the sum of in trust for the use of an Institution in Philadelphia, known by the name of 'The Bible Association of Friends in America,' and to be paid by the said Trustees to the Treasurer for the time being of the said Institution."

2. *Form of a Devise of Real Estate.*

"I give and devise to A. B. and C. D. and their heirs, all that (here describe the property) together with the appurtenances, to hold to them the said A. B. and C. D. and the survivor of them, and the heirs of such survivors for ever; in trust nevertheless for the sole use and benefit of an Institution in Philadelphia, known by the name of 'The Bible Association of Friends in America,' and upon this further trust, absolutely to dispose of, and convey the same, either in fee, or for such other estate, and in such way and manner, as the members of the said Association shall, at any meeting or meetings, order, direct and appoint."

The Depository of the Bible Association is at No. 116 North Fourth street, a few doors above Arch street. Communications respecting he business of the Office may be addressed to John Richardson, Agent.

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Depository No. 116 North Fourth Street, up stairs, Philada.

PRICES OF BIBLES AND TESTAMENTS.

	Size of Bible or Testament.	How Bound.	Price.
Reference Bible { With Family Record, Index, and Concordance,	8vo.	Sheep patent back	$2 00
do. do.	do.	do. flexible bk.	2 25
do. do.	do.	Calf do. "	3 00
School Bible	24mo.	Plain Sheep	60
do.	do.	Sheep, flexible bk.	1 00
do.	do.	Calf, embossed	1 75
do.	do.	do. do. & gilt	2 25
New Testament	24mo.	Muslin	20
do. Psalms	do.	do.	25
do.	do.	Skiver	25
do. Psalms	do.	do.	30
do.	12mo.	½ bound	35
do.	do.	Plain Sheep	40
do.	do.	Sheep, extra	60
Testament and Psalms, bound together	do.	Plain Sheep	50
do. do.	do.	Sheep, extra	70

THE

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One thousand Reference Bibles, one thousand School Bibles, and two thousand Testaments and Psalms, have been printed during the year, and another edition of 2000 School Bibles has been ordered.

Our stock on hand on the first instant consisted of bound volumes as follows: Reference Bibles, 575, Medium 68, School Bibles 656, Testaments and Psalms 2112, and Testaments 1406. In sheets, 700 Reference Bibles, 100 Testaments and Psalms and 1600 Testaments.

The Treasurer's account with a statement of the Receipts and Disbursements is herewith submitted. On the first instant there was a balance of $995 06 in his hands due the Association.

The Reports received from Auxiliaries show, that our friends who are co-operating with us continue to feel the interest and importance of promoting the distribution and reading of the Holy Scriptures.

By the recent liberation of the slaves in the Southern States, the opportunity has been afforded of enlarging profitably the work of Christian benevolence in which the Association is engaged, and a considerable portion of the distribution of the past year has, consequently, been for the supply of the emanci-

pated bondmen. Under all the unfavorable and depressing circumstances to which the colored population of the South is exposed, it is a cause of encouragement to find that they are generally susceptible in no small degree of moral and religious impressions. Restraining influences of this kind together with a humble trust, that down-trodden as they were, they were still the objects of Divine compassion and regard, and that a door of deliverance would finally be opened, doubtless, contributed much to their peaceable, orderly, and submissive conduct through the long years of servitude. During the war of the rebellion, when their trials and temptations were so great, this patience and general good conduct still distinguished them in a most remarkable degree; and now that their fetters have been broken, they appear to wait in confidence that the rights which are still denied them will in time be conceded through the Providence of Him who rules over all.

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On behalf of the Managers.

SAMUEL F. TROTH.

Philadelphia, Fourth Month 13*th*, 1866.

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Interest received,	250 90
Rents, do.	1,569 10
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Purchase,	do.	do.
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Yonge Street,	Upper Canada,	do.
Philadelphia,	Pennsylvania,	do.
Red Stone,	do.	do.
Burlington,	New Jersey,	do.
Haddonfield,	do.	do.
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Flushing,	do.	do.
Fairfield,	do.	do.
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White Lick,	do.	do.
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Spiceland,	do.	do.

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School Bible	24mo.	Plain Sheep	60
do.	do.	Sheep, flexible bk.	1 00
do.	do.	Calf, embossed	1 75
do.	do.	do. do. & gilt	2 25
New Testament	24mo.	Muslin	20
do. Psalms	do.	do.	25
do.	do.	Skiver	25
do. Psalms	do.	do.	30
do.	12mo.	½ bound	35
do.	do.	Plain Sheep	40
do.	do.	Sheep, extra	60
Testament and Psalms, bound together	do.	Plain Sheep	50
do. do.	do.	Sheep, extra	70

THE

Thirty-Eighth Annual Report

OF THE

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OF

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Read at the Annual Meeting, held on the evening of the thirteenth of Fourth Month, 1867.

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TO THE

BIBLE ASSOCIATION OF FRIENDS

IN AMERICA.

THE Managers present the following Report of the proceedings of the past year.

There have been issued from the Depository during the year ending Third month 31st, 1867, one thousand four hundred and eighteen Bibles, one thousand four hundred and five Testaments, and three thousand and seventy-two Testaments and Psalms, making a total issue of five thousand eight hundred and ninety-five volumes, which is four hundred and twenty-six more than in the preceding year.

Three hundred and sixty-four Bibles, eighty-four Testaments, and one thousand one hundred and ninety-eight Testaments and Psalms were sold to auxiliary or other Bible Associations of Friends. The sales to booksellers and subscribers consisted of three hundred and eighty-six Bibles, four hundred and thirty-seven Testaments, and one thousand seven hundred and forty-four Testaments and Psalms; and the donations have included six hundred and sixty-eight Bibles, eight hundred and eighty-four Testaments, and one hundred and thirty Testaments and Psalms. A part of the donations have been furnished to auxiliaries and individuals for gratuitous distribution or sale, at full or reduced prices, at their

discretion; the proceeds of such sales to be remitted to this Association.

One thousand school Bibles, one thousand two hundred and fifty large Testaments and Psalms, two thousand two hundred and fifty small Testaments, and one thousand five hundred small Testaments and Psalms have been printed during the year. Our stock on hand on the first instant consisted of bound volumes as follows: Reference Bibles six hundred and forty-eight, Medium do. fifty-eight, School do. eight hundred and eighty-nine, Testaments and Psalms, one thousand two hundred and ninety-two, and Testaments one thousand six hundred and seventy. In sheets fifty-five Reference Bibles, six hundred Testaments and Psalms, and three thousand five hundred Testaments.

The Treasurer's account with a statement of the receipts and disbursements is herewith submitted.

On the 1st instant there was a balance of $1,291 54 in his hands due the Association.

Our late esteemed Friend, Hannah Sansom, bequeathed a legacy of $3,000 to our Association, which sum, less the State and United States taxes, has been received from her executors.

The reports from Auxiliary Associations show that Friends, in various places, continue to feel a lively interest in the distribution of the Holy Scriptures, and are not disposed to relax their exertions in this work of Christian benevolence.

When this Association was organized in 1829, the members of our religious Society, in many places, were very imperfectly supplied with the Holy Scriptures, and it was chiefly to meet this want that it was then established. Consequently for a series of years its

attention was principally directed to the object of furnishing good copies of the inspired volume to those in religious profession with us, until finally, with the efficient aid and co-operation of Friends elsewhere, this great need was so fully supplied, that there are, it is believed, few if any families of Friends now without the Bible, and in many localities nearly every individual capable of reading is also provided with this invaluable book.

This important object having been thus happily attained, an almost unlimited field of labor still remains among the community at large. The wants of the millions in the Southern States, who have recently been emancipated, have, most especially, strong claims upon us, and these wants are so extensive that they will require all the aid that can be made available from every quarter. A considerable portion of the Bibles and Testaments issued from the Depository during the past year, were for the use of the Freed-people, but all we have furnished for them thus far has been small, indeed, compared with the destitution to be supplied. This consideration should incite to increased diligence, lest we should fail to take our proper share in an engagement so eminently philanthropic and Christian.

The following passage, contained in the first annual report to the Association, appears so just and appropriate that we are willing to adopt it, and again call attention to the important truths which it expresses. "It appears obvious that if we know our duty as men and as Christians, and the blessed means which God in his abundant mercy has provided for our restoration and final salvation, we must carefully read the Holy Scriptures. They direct us to Christ, the living eter-

nal Word, and teach us that we must seek by faith and repentance and by fervent prayer to be built upon Him. They cannot of themselves make us truly wise and happy and good, but they point out the way, and their effect, if rightly received and meditated upon, is to lead us through the power of the Holy Spirit to Christ Jesus the way, the truth and the life."

Whilst the faithful members of our Religious Society have been careful not to give the Holy Scriptures an unwarranted title, or assign them an undue place in the great work of the soul's salvation, they have always cherished a reverent esteem for them, believing with George Fox, "that they were given forth by the Holy Spirit of God, that they are to be read, believed, and fulfilled, (he that fulfills them is Christ) and that they are profitable for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works, and are able to make wise unto salvation through faith in Christ Jesus."

Such being the character of the Scriptures of Truth, the publication and distribution of them appears to be a Christian duty, and it is to be hoped that those who have engaged in so good a work will be animated to prosecute it with energy and perseverance. If our hearts are warmed with the love of Him who gave himself for us, we shall not only highly value the sacred records which testify of Him, but must also desire that every human being capable of appreciating them should possess so great a treasure.

Signed on behalf and by direction of the Managers.

WILLIAM BETTLE, *Secretary.*

Philadelphia, Fourth month, 11*th,* 1867.

Summary of the Treasurer's Account.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand,	$995 06
Interest,	267 43
Rents,	1,650 00
Auxiliaries, Donations, &c.	1,328 64
Legacies,	2,786 05
Sale of Books	935 46
Sale of Spring Garden Loan,	952 40
	$8,915 04

PAYMENTS.

Printing,	$318 47
Paper,	1,004 86
Salary of Agent, &c.	424 43
Binding,	1,464 84
Boxes,	22 95
Insurance,	27 00
Incidentals,	69 13
Investments,	3,495 62
Taxes, 1866 & 1867,	725 21
Water Rent, 1866 & 1867,	71 08
Balance due Association,	1,291 54
	$8,915 04

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

BIBLE ASSOCIATION OF FRIENDS IN AMERICA.

ARTICLE I.

The designation of this Society, shall be "The Bible Association of Friends in America."

ARTICLE II.

The objects of this Association shall be, to encourage a wider circulation, as well as a more frequent and serious perusal of the Holy Scriptures, and to promote a more accurate knowledge of their invaluable contents.

ARTICLE III.

The attention of this Association, shall be first directed to furnishing the Bible to such members of the Religious Society of Friends, as may not be duly supplied; and also, as its funds will permit, to other persons.

ARTICLE IV.

Any person paying to the Treasurer of this Institution, Twenty dollars at one time, or two dollars annually, and being a member of the Religious Society of Friends, shall be a member of this Association.

ARTICLE V.

The Officers of this Association shall be, a Secretary, a Treasurer, a Committee of Correspondence, and a Board of Managers.

ARTICLE VI.

The Association shall appoint annually, fifteen of its members as Managers, to conduct its business. They shall be entrusted with the printing and distribution of the Holy Scriptures, in such manner, and at such prices, as they may judge proper, consistent with the objects of this Association. They shall have the power of filling such vacancies

in the list of Officers, or of the Managers, as may occur in the recess of the Association; and of calling Special Meetings of the Association whenever they may deem it expedient. A report of their proceedings shall be laid before the Association, at its Annual Meeting.

ARTICLE VII.

A Committee of three persons shall be appointed annually, to correspond with Societies or individuals, on behalf of this Association, under the direction of the Managers.

ARTICLE VIII.

It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive and keep in trust, all monies and title deeds, and papers relating to the real estate of the Association; he shall pay all orders drawn by it or the Board of Managers; shall make a quarterly statement of his accounts to the latter; and he shall also make an Annual Report to them at their Meeting in the fourth month, of his receipts and payments during the past year; which report shall be submitted, after due examination, to the Annual Meeting of the Association. He shall deposit all monies received by him, on account of the Association, in its name, in one of the Banks in the City of Philadelphia, and pay all orders by checks; and he shall keep the accounts in a separate book, provided for the purpose.

ARTICLE IX.

All the Officers of the Association shall be *ex-officio* members of the Board of Managers; and seven members shall constitute a quorum.

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Each member of the Association shall be entitled to a return of one-half of his life or annual subscription, in Bibles or Testaments, at the Society's lowest prices, at any time during the year in which the subscription is made, under such regulations as the Managers may establish.

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Such members of the Religious Society of Friends, as may form themselves into Bible Associations, under the rules recommended by this Association, shall be considered as Auxiliaries, and entitled to privileges hereinafter provided.

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The full amount paid by Auxiliary Societies to the Treasurer of this Association, shall be returned to them, if demanded within the current year, in Bibles and Testaments, at the lowest prices, subject to the regulations which may be established by the Managers; but all sums not so demanded, shall remain at the disposal of this Association, to aid in promoting its general objects. Auxiliary Societies complying with these regulations, shall be entitled to send delegates to attend the Annual Meetings of the Bible Association.

ARTICLE XIII.

Every person paying to the Treasurer of an Auxiliary Society, the sum of Twenty dollars at one time, or two dollars annually, and being a member of the Religious Society of Friends, shall, on producing a receipt for such payment, be entitled to the privileges of membership in this Association.

ARTICLE XIV.

The Annual Meetings of the Association shall be held in Philadelphia, on the evening of the first fourth-day in the Eleventh month, at which time the Officers shall be appointed.

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No alteration shall be made in this Constitution, but at an Annual Meeting, and with the consent of two-thirds of the members present.

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Any member of this Association, ceasing to be a member of the Religious Society of Friends, shall cease to be a member of this Association.

Rules for the government of the Auxiliary Associations.

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TO THE

BIBLE ASSOCIATION OF FRIENDS

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The Managers report that between Third month 31, 1867, and Ninth month 30, 1868, there were issued from the Depository, two thousand five hundred and five Bibles, two thousand five hundred and ninety-five Testaments, and three thousand one hundred and eighty-five Testaments and Psalms, making a total of eight thousand two hundred and eighty-five volumes. Seven hundred and fifty-one Bibles, seven hundred and seventy-one Testaments, and eight hundred and ninety-one Testaments and Psalms, were sold to Auxiliary or other Bible Associations of Friends. The sales to booksellers and subscribers consisted of eight hundred and eleven Bibles, seven hundred and forty-nine Testaments, and one thousand six hundred and twenty Testaments and Psalms, and the donations have included nine hundred and thirty-four Bibles, one thousand and seventy-eight Testaments, and six hundred and forty-nine Testaments and Psalms. A part of the donations have, as in former years, been furnished to Auxiliaries and individuals for gratuitous distribution or sale, at full or reduced prices at their discretion; the proceeds of such sales to be remitted to this Association.

One thousand Reference Bibles, 1500 School Bibles, 4000 Testaments, 750 Testaments and Psalms, and 1000 Psalms for the large Testament have been printed during the same term.

Our stock on hand on the first instant, consisted of bound volumes as follows: Reference Bibles 136, Medium do. 19, School do. 189, Testaments and Psalms 347, and Testaments 673. In sheets, 700 Reference Bibles, 800 School do. 600 Testaments and Psalms, and 1650 Testaments.

The Treasurer's account with a statement of the receipts and disbursements is herewith submitted; on the first instant there was a balance of $2,525 64 in his hands due the Association.

Though the number of Auxiliaries in connection with our Association has been much reduced, valuable aid is still rendered by some of them in carrying out its benevolent objects. It is gratifying to be able to state that through the instrumentality of FRIENDS' ASSOCIATION OF PHILADELPHIA, FOR THE RELIEF OF COLORED FREEDMEN, a large portion of the Bibles and Testaments taken from our Depository since last report, have been employed in supplying the wants of that class of persons. The number of poor and destitute is, however, so large that there will be room for all that can be spared from other demnds for a long time to come. It is not among the colored people alone that aid is needed, for many of the white inhabitants of the Southern States are equally without the Holy Scriptures, and alike poor and destitute.

The share in Scripture distribution taken by our Association has not hitherto been large, not so large as we may hope it will be in future years, yet we may

rest assured it is a good work, having for its tendency the promotion of the Kingdom of our Blessed Redeemer.

Soon after the commencement of the present century organized and systematic efforts were commenced in Great Britain and in the United States for the more general diffusion of the Holy Scriptures, these efforts have been continued until this time with constantly increasing diligence and success. It may be interesting and encouraging to advert briefly to the operations of the two most prominent of these Associations. First in order is the "British and Foreign Bible Society," which recently published its sixty-fourth Annual Report. The total issues of the Society have now amounted to 52,669,089 copies, which have been sent to almost every part of the world. The issues of the last year at home and abroad, were 2,383,380 copies, of which 989, 404 were for foreign lands. The receipts of the year amounted to £187, 508. 17*s.* 7*d.*

The Society publishes the Bible in all the various languages and dialects of Europe, and in many of those spoken by the inhabitants of Asia, Africa, and other parts of the world. At the time of the Paris Exhibition of last year, the numerous versions of the Society were exhibited in the midst of that great collection of the works of art and industry. On two handsome revolving stands occupying a prominent position in the great thoroughfare, the Bible with open page was to be seen in 178 different languages. These various translations of the Holy Scriptures represent an amount of patient toil and genius, exerted for a worthy object, which it is very difficult rightly to estimate, including as they do, the life-long

labors of many zealous and devoted men, from the days of the early Church, down to the present time.

On the occasion referred to, an immense concourse of people drawn from all quarters of the civilized world assembled in Paris, and an opportunity was thus afforded, such as seldom presents, for placing the Sacred Records in the hands of those who were strangers to them. In order to effect this object, a Depot was opened by the Agent of the Society on the grounds of the Exhibition, with a large stock of the Holy Scriptures in about thirty languages, while the walls were covered with striking texts in English, French, German, Italian, and Spanish. These texts were a source of interest and attraction to many persons who entered the Depot, going all round and reading them, and this in numerous cases induced the visitors to purchase the volume from which they were taken.

At first the demand was comparatively small, for the vast majority of the people knew little or nothing of the Bible, but day by day it increased; so that though the first week only 241 copies were issued, the last week above 22,000 went forth from the Depot. The purchasers were mostly of the humble and working classes, and when it is considered that those who were thus offering the Scriptures had come into a Catholic country to distribute books which their priests teach the people are heretical, their civility and good behavior were very remarkable. The more bigotted of the priests could not indeed refrain from showing their displeasure, and some of them occasionally came into the Depot and tried to excite prejudice in the people. "They always, however," says the Agent, "seemed to do good service, for as soon as a priest entered and commenced a discussion,

the Depot at once filled, and strange to say, the people scarcely ever manifested any sympathy with the clerical disputants." The Depot was, on the other hand, visited by a number of priests who appeared to be enlightened, liberal minded men, and who purchased the inspired volume, or received it with evident satifaction. Priests of this class were also disposed to encourage the general circulation and reading of the Bible.

Since the British and Foreign Bible Society have been permitted to distribute the Scriptures in France, a period of thirty-five years, they have succeeded in putting 3,821,805 copies into circulation in that land. In Belgium, the Brussels Agency has distributed 321,248 copies. In Holland, the distribution in twenty-four years has amounted to 672,304 copies, and in Germany, in twenty-one years, to 1,579,878 copies. The Society began to circulate the Holy Scriptures in Austria in 1851, but in the following year its Agent was banished, and the work nearly suspended. It was renewed in 1853, and has been continued uninterruptedly ever since, until the total distribution has amounted to 1,844,409 copies, consisting of 578,687 Bibles, 1,083,311 Testaments, and 182,406 *portions* of the Holy Scriptures. A very large part of the distribution has been to members of the Roman Catholic Church, and to the knowledge of Scripture truths, thus acquired, may, not improbably, be attributed in great measure the growing disclination in Austria to submit blindly to the mandates of the Romish Church. Throughout Italy, except in the Roman territory, the Scriptures may now be procured by those who are willing

to purchase them. Unhappily the great mass of the people are unable to read and still too much under the influence of a corrupt priesthood, who endeavor to continue their mental bondage.

The Society has Depots for the sale and distribution of the Scriptures in every part of Europe, except Spain, and many have also been established in Turkey, India, China, Japan, Australia, New Zealand, Madagascar, East and West Africa, and other places. Few accessible localities have in fact escaped the care of its zealous and indefatigable Agents. Colporteurs are employed in connection with the Depots, and by their means the chief part of the distribution is effected. They often make long journeys in the several districts assigned to them, visiting the inhabitants in their abodes, and explaining to them the nature of the books they carry. The Sacred Scriptures are now rarely given away by the Colporteurs, experience having shown that Bibles and Testaments thus obtained, were, for the most part, little valued by the recipients.

A very interesting portion of the voluminous annual reports of the British and Foreign Bible Society consists of extracts from the narrations of the simple-hearted and earnest men who perform the duties of Colporteurs in Catholic countries, and in Mohammedan and Pagan lands. They are often obliged to contend with much opposition and persecution, but they mostly persevere patiently in their philanthropic labors in spite of the ridicule, contempt and aversion of many of the people they visit. In Mohammedan countries the stern faith of the false Prophet causes the people in general to reject

every invitation to make themselves acquainted with the Christian religion; but even here a few are found who consent to listen or to read and on whom the declarations of truth contained in the inspired writings appear to have made abiding impressions. Much labor has been expended in bringing the Sacred Scriptures to the knowledge of the inhabitants of India. Colporteurs traverse the country in various directions, the aim being, if possible, to leave no quarter unvisited. As the Hindoos, with comparatively few exceptions, still cling to their ancient superstitions, it is not found that many of them are disposed to purchase. Light appears, however, to be gradually dawning on this benighted region. One of the Society's Agents remarks: "During the last six months my Colporteur has visited nearly every large town and village in the Luckimpore and Seetapore districts, and has succeeded in selling twenty-one entire copies of the New Testament and eighty-eight portions thereof. It must, however, be remembered, that these have been sold to Hindoos and Mohammedans in a country where readers are comparatively few, and where books, until recently, were distributed gratuitously to all who would take them. My Colporteur reports that he is generally received kindly, and frequently invited to sit down and tell the people something about the Christian religion. There appears to be a growing opinion that Christianity must ultimately prevail in this country, and many wish to know something more about it."

Next in importance and in the extent of its operations is the American Bible Society, instituted in the

year 1816, and which has published its fifty-second Annual Report. Its issues during the preceding year amounted to 1,257,960 volumes, and since its establishment, to 22, 667,926 volumes. The receipts of the fifty-second year received for the sale of books, donations, &c., amounted to $723,106. The Society's publications embrace English Bibles in great variety of type and form, besides which it prints the Holy Scriptures in the German, Dutch, Spanish, French, Welsh, Arabic, Armenian, Syrian, Slavic, and Bulgarian languages, as well as in some of those spoken by the people of Africa, and the Choctaw and Cherokee Indians in our own country.

Its principle distribution has from the first been among the great and rapidly growing population of the United States, and it has twice attempted to supply the whole of the inhabitants with the Holy Scriptures. It would, therefore, naturally be supposed that there could be no serious destitution now remaining; but wherever careful investigation is made, it is found that this is far from being the case. Besides the millions of recently liberated slaves, and the great numbers of poor and uninstructed whites in the Southern part of our country, multitudes of others are found to be unsupplied.

Bibles are perishable, they wear out and are destroyed by casualties. New families are constantly springing up in which from poverty or indifference no care is taken to provide this inestimable book, and emigrants arrive here in vast numbers who do not bring it with them. It should also be remembered that the professed spiritual instructors of a large religious denomination discourage the

general circulation and reading of the Holy Scriptures. From these combined causes there is doubtless at the present moment a very great need to be supplied, and the American Bible Society proposes for the third time to endeavor to place the Scriptures within the reach of all persons in this country who are capable of reading them. To effect this important object much time, labor, and expense will be required, and the Society appeals to its numerous and efficient Auxiliaries to employ and direct the labor, and to the Christian public to furnish the means for consummating the undertaking.

Though it be true that the all important work of the soul's regeneration and preparation for a state of never ending felicity cannot be wrought out merely by an acquaintance with the inspired records, and an intellectual belief in the sacred truths they proclaim, they are still greatly to be prized as an invaluable record of all things most surely believed by the faithful followers of Christ. It is God alone, through the immediate operation of his Spirit, who gives true and saving faith in the Holy Redeemer, our ever-living Advocate, and the Author of eternal salvation to all them that obey Him. It is, however, the testimony of the Apostle that the Holy Scriptures, having been given by inspiration of God, are profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works; and that they are able to make wise unto salvation through faith, which is in Christ Jesus.

Such being the character of the Scriptures of Truth, we must rejoice that they are every year

becoming more widely disseminated among the various classes and families of mankind.

Signed on behalf and by direction of the Managers.

WILLIAM BETTLE, *Secretary.*

Philadelphia, Tenth Month 29th, 1868.

At an Annual Meeting of the Bible Association of Friends in America, held Eleventh month 4, 1868.

"The Managers are authorized and requested to take prompt and efficient measures for enlarging the business of the Association.

Samuel R. Shipley, John E. Carter, Isaac H. Shearman, Anthony M. Kimber, and William Evans are appointed to solicit contributions in aid of our funds." Taken from the Minutes.

JOHN CARTER,

Secretary.

Summary of the Treasurer's Account from Fourth Month 1, 1867, *to Tenth Month* 1, 1868.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand Fourth month 1st, 1867,	$1,291 54
Rents,	3,029 25
Interest,	646 95
Sale of Books,	1,827 68
Auxiliaries,	726 20
Donations and Subscriptions,	308 00
Life Membership,	60 00
	$7,889 62

PAYMENTS.

Printing,	$162 77
Paper,	2,731 41
Binding,	1,158 45
Boxes,	41 20
Salary of Agent and Incidentals,	863 01
Insurance,	27 00
Taxes,	324
Water Rent,	56 00
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It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive and keep in trust, all monies and title deeds, and papers relating to the real estate of the Association; he shall pay all orders drawn by it or the Board of Managers; shall make a quarterly statement of his accounts to the latter; and he shall also make an Annual Report to them at their Meeting in the fourth month, of his receipts and payments during the past year; which report shall be submitted, after due examination, to the Annual Meeting of the Association. He shall deposit all monies received by him, on account of the Association, in its name, in one of the Banks in the City of Philadelphia, and pay all orders by checks; and he shall keep the accounts in a separate book, provided for the purpose.

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All the Officers of the Association shall be *ex-officio* members of the Board of Managers; and seven members shall constitute a quorum.

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Each member of the Association shall be entitled to a return of one-half of his life or annual subscription, in Bibles or Testaments, at the Society's lowest prices, at any time during the year in which the subscription is made, under such regulations as the Managers may establish.

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Such members of the Religious Society of Friends, as may form themselves into Bible Associations, under the rules recommended by this Association, shall be considered as Auxiliaries, and entitled to privileges hereinafter provided.

ARTICLE XII.

The full amount paid by Auxiliary Societies to the Treasurer of this Association, shall be returned to them, if demanded within the current year, in Bibles and Testaments, at the lowest prices, subject to the regulations which may be established by the Managers; but all sums not so demanded, shall remain at the disposal of this Association, to aid in promoting its general objects. Auxiliary Societies complying with these regulations, shall be entitled to send delegates to attend the Annual Meetings of the Bible Association.

ARTICLE XIII.

Every person paying to the Treasurer of an Auxiliary Society, the sum of Twenty dollars at one time, or two dollars annually, and being a member of the Religious Society of Friends, shall, on producing a receipt for such payment, be entitled to the privileges of membership in this Association.

ARTICLE XIV.

The Annual Meetings of the Association shall be held in Philadelphia, on the evening of the first fourth-day in the Eleventh month, at which time the Officers shall be appointed.

ARTICLE XV.

No alteration shall be made in this Constitution, but at an Annual Meeting, and with the consent of two-thirds of the members present.

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Any member of this Association, ceasing to be a member of the Religious Society of Friends, shall cease to be a member of this Association.

Rules for the government of the Auxiliary Associations.

The objects and Constitution of the Bible Association of Friends in America, having the approbation of this meeting, it is agreed, that a Society be now formed under the following rules, to be called the "——— Auxiliary Bible Association of Friends," for the purpose of supplying Friends and others, in this vicinity, with the Holy Scriptures, encouraging the frequent and serious perusal of them, and promoting a more accurate knowledge of their invaluable contents; also, of co-operating with the Bible Association of Friends in America, in furthering their important objects in other places.

RULES.

1st. Any person paying to the Treasurer dollars at one time, or dollars annually, and being a member of the religious Society of Friends, shall be a member of this Association.

2d. Any member of the Bible Association of Friends in America, residing in this district, shall be considered a member of this Auxiliary Association.

3d. The officers of this Association shall be a Secretary, Treasurer, and a Committee of Correspondence.

4th. The Committee of Correspondence shall consist of the Secretary, Treasurer, and members, to be chosen annually: they shall have the power of filling vacancies in their own body, and shall be authorized to act on behalf of the Association, during its recess: they shall meet monthly, and keep fair minutes of all their proceedings, which, with the correspondence, shall be laid before the Association at its Quarterly meetings. members shall form a quorum.

5th. The Association shall meet once in three months, on the day of . At the first Quarterly Meeting in each year, a statement of the accounts, and of the number of Bibles and Testaments distributed, and on hand, shall be exhibited; the several officers appointed; and a detailed report of the pro-

ceedings during the preceding year, be prepared and forwarded to the Secretary of the Bible Association of Friends in America; to attend the Annual Meeting of which, delegates may be appointed.

6th. The amount of subscriptions and donations to this Association, after deducting the necessary expenses, shall be remitted annually to the Treasurer of the Bible Association of Friends in America, in consideration of the provision made in the twelfth article of its Constitution, viz: "The full amount paid by Auxiliary Societies to the Treasurer of this Association, shall be returned to them, if demanded within the current year, in Bibles or Testaments at the lowest prices, subject to the regulations which may be established by the Managers; but all sums not so demanded, shall remain at the disposal of this Association to aid in promoting its general objects."

7th. Every subscriber to this Association shall be entitled to a return of one-half of the amount of his life or annual subscription, in Bibles or Testaments at cost, under such regulations as may be hereafter adopted.

8th. The members of the Association shall appoint committees, whose duty it shall be to solicit subscriptions in their respective neighbourhoods, and to inquire what families, individuals or schools, are in want of Bibles or Testaments, and make report thereof to the Association or the Committee of Correspondence, in order that they may be promptly supplied, either at prime cost or otherwise, according to circumstances.

9th. A list of such committees shall be kept by the Secretary; and at every Quarterly Meeting, each committee shall be called upon to report the state of its neighbourhood; the amount of moneys collected, and the number of Bibles and Testaments distributed or required.

10th. Any member ceasing to be a member of the religious Society of Friends, shall cease to be a member of this Association.

QUERIES ADDRESSED TO AUXILIARIES.

1. What number of families or individuals have been gratuitously furnished with the Holy Scriptures by the Auxiliary during the past year?

2. What number of Bibles and Testaments have been sold by the Auxiliary, within the past year?

3. How many members, male and female, are there belonging to the Auxiliary?

4. What number of families of Friends reside within its limits?

5. Are there any families of Friends within your limits not supplied with a copy of the Holy Scriptures in good clear type, and on fair paper; if so, how many?

6. How many members of our Society, capable of reading the Bible, do not own such a copy of the Holy Scriptures?

7. How many Bibles and Testaments may probably be disposed of by sale within your limits?

8. Is the income of the Auxiliary sufficient to supply those within its limits who are not duly furnished with the Holy Scriptures?

9. What number of Bibles and Testaments would it be necessary for the Bible Association to furnish gratuitously to enable the Auxiliary to supply each family?

10. What number would be required in order to furnish each member of our religious Society, capable of reading, who is destitute of a copy, and unable to purchase it?

11*. How many Bibles and Testaments of each kind are now on hand?

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* A full and explicit answer to this, with the other Queries, is particularly requested.

FORMS OF LEGACY.

1. *Form of a Bequest of Personal Estate.*

"I give and bequeath to A. B. and A. C. and the survivor of them, and the executors and administrators of such survivor, the sum of in trust for the use of an Institution in Philadelphia, known by the name of 'The Bible Association of Friends in America,' and to be paid by the said Trustees to the Treasurer for the time being of the said Institution."

2. *Form of a Devise of Real Estate.*

"I give and devise to A. B. and C. D. and their heirs, all that (here describe the property) together with the appurtenances, to hold to them the said A. B. and C. D. and the survivor of them, and the heirs of such survivors for ever; in trust nevertheless for the sole use and benefit of an Institution in Philadelphia, known by the name of 'The Bible Association of Friends in America,' and upon this further trust, absolutely to dispose of, and convey the same, either in fee, or for such other estate, and in such way and manner, as the members of the said Association shall, at any meeting or meetings, order, direct and appoint."

The Depository of the Bible Association is at No. 116 North Fourth street, a few doors above Arch street. Communications respecting the business of the Office may be addressed to John S. Stokes, Agent.

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Depository No. 116 North Fourth Street, up stairs, Philada.

PRICES OF BIBLES AND TESTAMENTS.

	Size of Bible or Testament.	How Bound.	Price.
Reference Bible { With Family Record, Index, and Concordance,	8vo.	Sheep patent back	$2 00
do. do.	do.	do. flexible bk.	2 50
do. do.	do.	Calf do. "	3 50
School Bible	24mo.	Plain Sheep	60
do.	do.	Sheep, flexible bk.	1 00
do.	do	Calf, embossed	1 75
do.	do.	do. do. & gilt	2 25
New Testament	24mo.	Muslin	20
do. Psalms	do.	do.	25
do.	do.	Skiver	25
do. Psalms	do.	do.	30
do.	12mo.	½ bound	35
do.	do.	Plain Sheep	40
do.	do.	Sheep, extra	60
Testament and Psalms, bound together	do.	Plain Sheep	50
do. do.	do.	Sheep, extra	70

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TO THE

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THE Board of Managers on surrendering their charge, at the close of this, the fortieth year of the existence of the Society, make the following Report of its operations during that period.

There have been issued from the Depository during the year ending Ninth month 30, 1869, two thousand seven hundred and fifty-four Bibles, one thousand three hundred and forty-five Testaments, and five thousand five hundred and forty-two Testaments and Psalms, making a total of nine thousand six hundred and forty-one volumes. Of these, one hundred and forty-four Bibles, sixty-six Testaments and one hundred and twenty Testaments and Psalms were sold to Auxiliary Associations; nine hundred Bibles, five hundred and eighty-five Testaments and two thousand and forty-seven Testaments and Psalms have been sold to booksellers and subscribers, and the donations have comprised one thousand seven hundred and ten Bibles, three thousand three hundred and seventy-five Testaments and Psalms and six hundred and ninety-four Testaments.

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The stock on hand Ninth month 30, 1869, was as follows: Reference Bibles 253, Medium 34, School 641, Testaments 1037, Testaments and Psalms 1286. In sheets, School Bibles 500, Testaments 2650, Testaments and Psalms 2000.

By the Treasurer's account appended hereto, it appears that there was a balance on hand, Tenth month 1, 1869, to the credit of the Association, of $3004.

A very important part of the work of distributing the publications of the Association, has been accomplished through the agency of "The Bible and Tract Distributing Society" of this City, whose operations for the year ending Tenth month 1, 1869, as indicated by their records, exhibit the donation of 1670 Bibles, 4359 Testaments and Psalms, and 505 Testaments; making a total of 6534 volumes, disseminated gratuitously in different parts of the following states, viz. South Carolina, Virginia, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Florida, Arkansas, Delaware, Maryland, Missouri, Ohio, Louisiana, Oregon, Texas, Tennessee, New Jersey, Alabama, New York, West Virginia, and Georgia; also in the District of Columbia and the Republic of Liberia.

The principal portion of these books have been received by the colored population of Virginia, and North and South Carolina; but the poor white people of those sections have also partaken of them, no distinction being made by the Distributing Society.

A review of the Annual Reports of the Association since the year 1834, shows that the number of copies of the Holy Scriptures dispensed during the past year is greater than in any preceeding one. Commencing with 2581 volumes in 1834, the number falls as low as 1281 in 1844, then rises to 8774 in 1848, and declining to 2426 in 1852, it continues at an average of from 3000 to 5000 for the subsequent years until 1868, when it rose to 8285.

The wide field opened in the Southern States for the extension of this good work, and the facilities afforded by the Schools established among the freed people by Friends and others, for the judicious distribution of the Holy Scriptures, should stimulate us to renewed and persevering efforts in the future.

It is interesting to recur to the address to Friends issued by the founders of the Association, upon its organization in the year 1829, signed, as it is, by such departed worthies as Jonathan Evans, Samuel Bettle, Leonard Snowdon, Samuel Emlen, Henry Cope, Thomas Evans, and others. They use the following language in a part of the Address.

"We have all witnessed with sorrow, the delusion which has drawn so many into a denial of the divinity, propitiation, and mediation of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Shall we not then, while the mournful events of the few past years are fresh in our recollection, and still present with us, endeavor to guard against their recurrence, as far as can be done, by the means which are within our power? One of these, we are persuaded, is a more general and accurate acquaintance with the Holy Scriptures, and a

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Rents,	2,037 00
Interest,	500 25
Sales of Books,	1,869 34
Auxiliaries,	462 05
Donations and Subscriptions,	995 25
	$8,389 53

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Printing,	$ 519 80
Paper,	1,445 16
Binding,	1,947 60
Boxes,	26 00
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Taxes and Water Rent,	464 60
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	Size of Bible or Testament.	How Bound.	Price.
Reference Bible {With Family Record, Index, and Concordance,	8vo.	Sheep patent back	$2 00
do. do.	do.	do. flexible bk.	2 50
do. do.	do.	Calf do. "	3 50
School Bible	24mo.	Plain Sheep	60
do.	do.	Sheep, flexible bk.	1 00
do.	do	Calf, embossed	1 75
do.	do.	do. do. & gilt	2 25
New Testament	24mo.	Muslin	20
do. Psalms	do.	do.	25
do.	do.	Skiver	25
do. Psalms	do.	do.	30
do.	12mo.	½ bound	35
do.	do.	Plain Sheep	40
do.	do.	Sheep, extra	60
Testament and Psalms, bound together	do.	Plain Sheep	50
do. do.	do.	Sheep, extra	70

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Within the same period, 2,000 copies of the Duodecimo Edition of Testaments and Psalms, 2,000 School Bibles, 1,000 Psalms in 24mo., and 1,100 Reference Bibles, in all 6,100 volumes, have been printed.

The stock on hand Seventh mo. 1st, was 258 Octavo Bibles, 49 Medium Bibles, 677 School Bibles, 876 Testaments and Psalms, and 1,020 Testaments, *bound;* and 600 Reference Bibles, 1,000 School Bibles, 900 Testaments and Psalms, and 1,400 Testaments, *in sheets.*

The Treasurer's Report, submitted in detail here-

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There are now very few Auxiliaries left, in correspondence with the parent body. From this circumstance, and the fact that the members of our Religious Society are generally supplied with copies of the Holy Scriptures, the necessity of accepting other means of distribution is apparent. The primary object of the Association, as distinguished from that of the larger Bible Societies, was to ensure the possession of the Sacred Writings by "Friends in America." Established as it was in 1829, soon after the lamentable separation, which was thought to have had its origin, in some measure, in a neglect of acquaintance with the Holy Scriptures, the need at that time was keenly felt. While it is cause of great thankfulness that such want is now seldom found within our own limits, as is said to have existed at that period, yet there is no reason that any Friend should rest content with the possession of a single copy, nor that our efforts on behalf of others should be at all relaxed. The Bible and Tract Distributing Society, originated in connection with the Friends' Freedmen's Relief Association, has wide and peculiar facilities for reaching many parts of our country where the Bible is but little read. It has therefore seemed to the Managers a judicious appropriation of means to distribute through this channel; and during the past two years, a considerable part of the gratuitous distribution has been effected by its agency.

Numerous letters, received by that Society, bear witness to the value of this distribution, and the thank-

fulness with which it has been welcomed in places where the Holy Scriptures have been almost unknown. One writes for instance, from the mountain district of North Carolina, "The Bibles and Testaments have been distributed by a personal visitation to each family; ascending and descending rugged mountain paths and trails, to reach their cabins, where my horse could not always follow me, causing great fatigue. But I was more than paid by the joy the bringing of the Bible gave to hearts deprived of it. I have asked scores of children, brought up under such circumstances, that were twelve, fifteen, or eighteen years of age, and they could not tell me who died on the cross to save sinners." Another from Arkansas, "Especially have I been gratified in supplying the aged and infirm with your nice large Testaments—they were more in demand than any part of the donation.*** Please let me know what 50 of your large Testaments with Psalms will cost me." Another from central North Carolina, "There are a good many people about here that are much in want of Bibles and Testaments. It would be a great accommodation to a great number of people in this section, if there could be a lot of Bibles and Testaments of coarse print sent here for sale, for there are none kept *nearer than forty miles.*" Another from Kansas, "There is a great lack of Bibles in good binding and print out here." Within a few days a Friend in North Carolina writes, "We are nearly out of Bibles, and the demand appears to be daily on the increase, among both White and Black. Especially do we need Reference Bibles."

When we remember that the Scriptures of Truth were given by Divine inspiration, and contain instruc-

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It may be interesting and afford encouragement to advert briefly to the labors of other Associations, particularly those of the British and Foreign Bible Society, and the American Bible Society, which are the most important of all, and through whose instrumentality a great part of the present publication and diffusion of the Scriptures is effected.

The receipts of the British and Foreign Bible Society the past year were £187,952, being an increase of £1,354 over those of the year previous. The issues during the year, domestic and foreign, amounted to an aggregate of 2,140,620 copies, and of these 1,011,002 were circulated abroad. The total issues of this Society have reached 57,210,485 copies.

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The distribution in Holland amounted to 24,741 copies, and in Belgium to 12,781 volumes.

The agents of the British and Foreign Bible Society

effected in Germany a circulation of 199,503 copies. About 10,000 copies of the Scriptures have been placed in the hands of Roman Catholics by a society formed for that purpose.

From the agency in Austria 133,549 volumes were sent out, and from the depot in Poland 16,963. The agent in Denmark, remarks that 22,049 copies had been circulated during the year. He says the Scriptures are more generally read in Denmark at present than at any former period. The Bible is eagerly sought for, and instead of one copy sufficing for an entire household, many are sometimes sold to the same family.

Causes have operated in Norway to diminish the distribution of the Scriptures; still, 23,332 copies were issued last year from the depot in Christiana. From that at Stockholm, Sweden, the issues amounted to 55,972 copies. The total circulation of the Society in Sweden has now amounted to 1,738,604 volumes.

The distribution of the year in Switzerland embraced 42,473 volumes. In French Switzerland violent opposition to the sale and distribution of the Bible has been encountered.

In Russia it is still forbidden by law to introduce into the country Russ Scriptures printed abroad. The supplies of the Society are therefore obtained from the Synod of the Greek Church, which has its printing presses pretty fully occupied in preparing editions of the Scriptures. In 1867 the Society issued 59,667 volumes, and in 1868, 64,830.

Preparations were in progress or completed at Madrid for issuing New Testaments in large numbers as soon as the way is open for their free circulation.

In Portugal, opposition and persecution are still met with, but the work is persevered in; the distribution for the year was 6,901 copies. In Italy there is still more or less opposition from the priests, but on the whole a better state of feeling is said to be growing. In this country 28,641 volumes were spread during the year.

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The report also gives interesting information in regard to the spread of the Holy Scriptures in India, China, Oceanica, Africa, South America, the West Indies, &c. in all which places agencies are established. In Upper Canada the Society's distribution last year reached 42,761 copies and in Nova Scotia, 2,489.

The entire receipts of the American Bible Society for the last year were $747,058, including donations of $161,465, and Legacies amounting to $116,985. The volumes *Printed* at the Bible House during the year consisted of 317,000 Bibles, 694,818 Testaments, and 114,500 portions of the Bible; beside these, 273,693 volumes of Bibles and Testaments, and portions of the Bible were published in foreign countries at the expense of the Society, and 37,708 were purchased; making a total of 1,437,719 volumes.

The issues from the Depository during the year comprised 1,031,770 volumes, and 298,870 printed elsewhere were circulated by the Society, making a total for the year of 1,330,640 volumes. The entire issues of the Society during the last fifty-four years,

are stated to be 26,572,371, published in many languages, and in great diversity of form.

The American Bible Society is efficiently aided by its Auxiliaries in all parts of the United States, many of whom make systematic efforts to ascertain and supply the wants of their several localities. Of these Auxiliaries 619 had explored their fields wholly or in part the past year. The number of families visited was 496,305; families found destitute of the Bible, 44,847; destitute families supplied, 32,616; families refusing to receive the Scriptures, 7,437; destitute individuals, soldiers, sailors, schools, &c., supplied in addition, 49,765. These figures do not include the distribution effected by the various other benevolent institutions, to which grants in money or books have been made by the Society.

It may excite surprise that so many families and individuals are still without the Holy Scriptures, but the explanation is found in the fact that numbers of young people are constantly passing from childhood to more mature life,—that hundreds of thousands of immigrants arrive every year, many of whom bring no Bibles with them,—and above all the Roman Catholics, who now form a considerable part of the population, do not generally wish to receive the Scriptures,—and that too many others do not duly estimate this invaluable Book.

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Our share in the good work must of necessity be comparatively small, but it surely ought to be far greater than it is at present.

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Balance on hand at last report,	$3,004 00
Amount received from Depository during the year,	4,784 37
Interest on Deposit account,	62 52
Legacy of Anna Maria Roberts,	178 00
Donation,	50 00
Interest on Lehigh Nav. Company's bond,	28 60
do. on City of Philadelphia, 6 per cent. loan,	375 30
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PAYMENTS.

Printing,	$ 587 40
Stereotyping,	537 12
Office expenses,	670 41
Binding,	1,684 25
Boxes,	16 70
Paper,	1,956 53
Purchase of Bibles,	157 75
Purchase of New Ledger,	3 00
Water Rent and Sewer Rent,	45 00
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	Size of Bible or Testament.	How Bound.	Price.
Reference Bible { With Family Record, Index, and Concordance,	8vo.	Sheep patent back	$2 00
do. do.	do.	do. flexible bk.	2 50
do. do.	do.	Calf do. "	3 50
do. do.	do.	Turkey gilt,	5 00
do. do.	do.	do. plain	4 25
School Bible	24mo.	Plain Sheep	60
do.	do.	Sheep, flexible bk.	1 00
do.	do	Calf. embossed	1 75
do.	do.	do. do. & gilt	2 25
New Testament	24mo.	Muslin	20
do. Psalms	do.	do.	25
do.	do	Skiver	25
do. Psalms	do.	do.	30
do.	12mo.	½ bound	35
do.	do.	Plain Sheep	40
do.	do.	Sheep, extra	60
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Read at the Annual Meeting, held on the evening of the First of Eleventh Month, 1871.

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TO THE

BIBLE ASSOCIATION OF FRIENDS

IN AMERICA.

THE Managers report that during the year ending Sixth mo. 30, 1871, two thousand three hundred and fifty-one Bibles, eleven hundred and fifty-eight Testaments, and two thousand six hundred and twenty-five copies of the "Testament and Psalms" have been delivered from the Depository, their distribution having been as follows, viz:—eight hundred and forty-four Bibles, six hundred and sixty-one Testaments, and eight hundred and ninety-eight "Testament and Psalms" to Booksellers and Subscribers; one hundred and sixty-two Bibles, ninety-eight Testaments, and sixty-four "Testament and Psalms" to Auxiliaries, and thirteen hundred and forty-five Bibles, three hundred and ninety-nine Testaments, and sixteen hundred and sixty-three "Testament and Psalms" in donations.

The number of volumes printed during the same year, was two thousand duodecimo Testament and Psalms, one thousand duodecimo Testaments, two thousand School Bibles, three thousand twenty-four mo. Testaments, and one thousand Reference Bibles.

The stock on hand at the end of the year in bound volumes, consisted of one hundred and forty-five Reference Bibles, fifteen duodecimo Bibles, five hundred and seventy-nine School Bibles, eight hundred and fifty-five duodecimo, and six hundred and fifty-two twenty-four mo. "Testament and Psalms," and three hundred and ten duodecimo, and six hundred and fifty-three twenty-four mo. Testaments, and in sheets one thousand Reference Bibles, fifteen hundred School Bibles, four hundred duodecimo, and twenty-five hundred twenty-four mo. "Testament and Psalms," and six hundred duodecimo and four hundred twenty-four mo. Testaments.

By reference to the detailed account of the Treasurer, submitted herewith, the items of receipt and disbursement may be seen. The balance in his hands due the Association Ninth mo. 30, 1871, was two thousand and eight dollars and eighty-two cents, ($2,008 82.)

During the past year 2,155 volumes have been distributed by the Bible and Tract Distributing Society, viz: 45 Reference Bibles, 30 Medium Bibles, 821 School Bibles, 318 twelve mo. Testament and Psalms, and 941 twenty-four mo. Testament and Psalms. Through the same channel also were forwarded 296 volumes which were not included in the grant to that Association, of which 118 were for use among the Indians. These 2,451 volumes were disposed of nearly as follows, viz: In the Northern States, 23 Bibles, 48 Testament and Psalms. In the Southern States of Tennessee, Virginia, Maryland, District of Columbia, North Carolina, Georgia, Flo-

rida, and Texas among whites 194 Bibles, 316 Testament and Psalms. Among Freedmen and other colored people 698 Bibles, 1,009 Testament and Psalms. Among Indians of Kansas and Indian Territory 38 Bibles, 125 Testament and Psalms.

As in previous years, the Managers have afresh been made sensible how limited, in comparison with other similar Associations, have been our operations during the past year. The distribution through Auxiliaries has especially dwindled down to a very small amount, while nearly half of the remainder has been distributed through a kindred Society composed of Friends in this city, who have peculiar facilities for knowing what parts of our widely extended country are most in want of the Holy Scriptures, and for meeting the want through special agencies.

Renewed evidences of the hunger for the words, which "Holy men of old spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost," continue to manifest themselves. And notwithstanding the immense number of Bibles put in circulation by the "American" and by the "British and Foreign" Bible Societies, amounting to millions of copies yearly, those who are not in the way of hearing from the many benighted places, even in this land of supposed enlightenment, have but a small conception of the insufficiency of even this large supply. Almost the whole population of freed people, for instance, now gradually learning to read, are without the Scriptures of Truth, and their general eagerness to possess them is exemplified by the case of two men in Virginia, who, unable to leave their work in fair weather, lately walked 15 miles in the

rain, to procure Bibles. In some parts of the South, Bibles are not even kept for sale, and thousands of colored people, in Texas, Arkansas, &c., are without knowledge of the Bible.

The Indians also who have some of them been mercifully brought under better influences than heretofore, are not unmindful of the Great Spirit's teachings. On a recent occasion, several prominent chiefs being present at the house of a Friend in Philadelphia, were shown a large copy of the Bible, and the value we attach to it was explained to them through an Interpreter; and the reverent attention with which they listened encouraged a hope that a new and extensive field for distributing the Holy Scriptures among these ignorant children of the wilderness, will soon be opened before us.

While these things are so, it does not behoove us simply to sit down and wait for applications, or to linger along in comfortable inactivity, but awake to the duties of the day, strenuously strive to do all in our power with the means placed at our disposal, desiring that the blessing of our Heavenly Father will rest upon labors faithfully and conscientiously performed. For only upon such labors can we hope to receive the blessing.

Signed on behalf and by direction of the Managers.

WILLIAM BETTLE, *Secretary.*

Philadelphia, Tenth Month 26th, 1871.

Summary of the Treasurer's Account from Tenth Month 1, 1870, *to Ninth Month* 30, 1871.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand at last Report,	$2,377 08
Amount received from the Depository, during the year for general purposes,	4,402 85
Amount received from the Depository for Donations and Subscriptions,	1,326 90
Interest on Deposit account,	69 77
do. on City 6's,	384 79
do. on Lehigh Coal Nav. Company's bond,	22 46
	8,583 85

EXPENDITURES.

Printing and Stereotyping,	760 79
Office Expenses,	702 24
Binding,	1,655 86
Boxes,	10 65
Paper,	2,204 95
Purchase of Bibles,	22 00
Repairs to Real Estate,	737 30
Water Rent,	31 00
Taxes on Real Estate,	419 30
Insurance and Revenue Stamps,	30 94
Cash on hand 9th month 30, 1871,	2,008 82
	8,583 85

We the undersigned having examined the Treasurer's account and compared it with the vouchers, find it to be correct, the balance on hand at the end of the Ninth Month, being $2,008 82.

PHILIP C. GARRETT,
DAVID SCULL, Jr.

The Committee appointed at the Annual Meeting of the Association in 1870 *to solicit Annual Subscriptions, Donations and Life Memberships, issued an address, from which the following extracts are taken.*

It is our desire to stimulate the addition of Annual Subscribers and Life Members to the Bible Association in every portion of our Yearly Meeting, and particularly in the rural districts. Friends in the cities have many calls for charitable and benevolent objects, that are quite unknown to those in the country.

We appeal to the young and middle aged men and women to put the query to themselves, whether some participation in this work is not a part of the tithes which the Lord calls for to be brought into His storehouse? Let them individually, or if possible by associations (however small) in their respective neighborhoods, solicit Annual Subscriptions, Donations and Life Memberships, and also inquire among the factory operatives, and others about them who may not possess Bibles, as to their desire for them, and see that none who are willing to receive shall lack opportunity.

We are sensible that the truths of the gospel may be known and read without conversion or regeneration, and that it is only through the power of Divine grace that their perusal can operate on the heart, but we also remember that the Scriptures are able to make wise unto salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. May we not then press upon those who earnestly desire to evince their love and gratitude to Him who has died for us, to adopt this means of bringing the glorious tidings of a Saviour's love to his fellow creatures? "In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thine hand, for thou knowest not whether shall prosper, either this or that, or whether they both shall be alike good."

On behalf of the Bible Association.

Samuel F. Troth, Charles Rhoads, Richard J. Allen,
David Scull, Jr., Anthony M. Kimber,
Richard Cadbury, Philip C. Garrett,

Philadelphia, 11 *mo.* 1870. *Committee.*

The Committee appointed to prepare an address, soliciting Annual Subscriptions, Donations and Life Memberships from the members of our Yearly Meeting, Report the following result of their Circular.

23	Life Memberships, @ $20 each.	- - -	$460 00
4	Annual Subscribers of 5 "	- - -	20 00
7	" " 2 "	- - -	14 00
90	and Donations from Friends amounting to	- - - -	792 90
124			$1,286 90

This amount was received from 124 Friends who kindly complied with the request of the Association, in amounts varying from $1 to $100.

On behalf of the Committee,

SAMUEL F. TROTH,
RICHARD J. ALLEN,
RICHARD CADBURY.

Philada. 11*th Month* 1*st*, 1871.

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It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive and keep in trust, all monies and title deeds, and papers relating to the real estate of the Association; he shall pay all orders drawn by it or the Board of Managers; shall make a quarterly statement of his accounts to the latter; and he shall also make an Annual Report to them at their Meeting in the eleventh month, of his receipts and payments during the past year; which report shall be submitted, after due examination, to the Annual Meeting of the Association. He shall deposit all monies received by him, on account of the Association, in its name, in one of the Banks in the City of Philadelphia, and pay all orders by checks; and he shall keep the accounts in a separate book, provided for the purpose.

ARTICLE IX.

All the Officers of the Association shall be *ex-officio* members of the Board of Managers; and seven members shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE X.

Each member of the Association shall be entitled to a return of one-half of his life or annual subscription, in Bibles or Testaments, at the Society's lowest prices, at any time during the year in which the subscription is made, under such regulations as the Managers may establish.

ARTICLE XI.

Such members of the Religious Society of Friends, as may form themselves into Bible Associations, under the rules recommended by this Association, shall be considered as Auxiliaries, and entitled to privileges hereinafter provided.

ARTICLE XII.

The full amount paid by Auxiliary Societies to the Treasurer of this Association, shall be returned to them, if demanded within the current year, in Bibles and Testaments, at the lowest prices, subject to the regulations which may be established by the Managers; but all sums not so demanded, shall remain at the disposal of this Association, to aid in promoting its general objects. Auxiliary Societies complying with these regulations, shall be entitled to send delegates to attend the Annual Meetings of the Bible Association.

ARTICLE XIII.

Every person paying to the Treasurer of an Auxiliary Society, the sum of Twenty dollars at one time, or two dollars annually, and being a member of the Religious Society of Friends, shall, on producing a receipt for such payment, be entitled to the privileges of membership in this Association.

ARTICLE XIV.

The Annual Meetings of the Association shall be held in Philadelphia, on the evening of the first fourth-day in the Eleventh month, at which time the Officers shall be appointed.

ARTICLE XV.

No alteration shall be made in this Constitution, but at an Annual Meeting, and with the consent of two-thirds of the members present.

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Any member of this Association, ceasing to be a member of the Religious Society of Friends, shall cease to be a member of this Association.

Rules for the government of the Auxiliary Associations.

The objects and Constitution of the Bible Association of Friends in America, having the approbation of this meeting, it is agreed, that a Society be now formed under the following rules, to be called the "——— Auxiliary Bible Association of Friends," for the purpose of supplying Friends and others, in this vicinity, with the Holy Scriptures, encouraging the frequent and serious perusal of them, and promoting a more accurate knowledge of their invaluable contents; also, of co-operating with the Bible Association of Friends in America, in furthering their important objects in other places.

RULES.

1st. Any person paying to the Treasurer dollars at one time, or dollars annually, and being a member of the religious Society of Friends, shall be a member of this Association.

2d. Any member of the Bible Association of Friends in America, residing in this district, shall be considered a member of this Auxiliary Association.

3d. The officers of this Association shall be a Secretary, Treasurer, and a Committee of Correspondence.

4th. The Committee of Correspondence shall consist of the Secretary, Treasurer, and members, to be chosen annually: they shall have the power of filling vacancies in their own body, and shall be authorized to act on behalf of the Association, during its recess: they shall meet monthly, and keep fair minutes of all their proceedings, which, with the correspondence, shall be laid before the Association at its Quarterly meetings. members shall form a quorum.

5th. The Association shall meet once in three months, on the day of . At the first Quarterly Meeting in each year, a statement of the accounts, and of the number of Bibles and Testaments distributed, and on hand, shall be exhibited; the several officers appointed; and a detailed report of the pro-

ceedings during the preceding year, be prepared and forwarded to the Secretary of the Bible Association of Friends in America; to attend the Annual Meeting of which, delegates may be appointed.

6th. The amount of subscriptions and donations to this Association, after deducting the necessary expenses, shall be remitted annually to the Treasurer of the Bible Association of Friends in America, in consideration of the provision made in the twelfth article of its Constitution, viz: "The full amount paid by Auxiliary Societies to the Treasurer of this Association, shall be returned to them, if demanded within the current year, in Bibles or Testaments at the lowest prices, subject to the regulations which may be established by the Managers; but all sums not so demanded, shall remain at the disposal of this Association to aid in promoting its general objects."

7th. Every subscriber to this Association shall be entitled to a return of one-half of the amount of his life or annual subscription, in Bibles or Testaments at cost, under such regulations as may be hereafter adopted.

8th. The members of the Association shall appoint committees, whose duty it shall be to solicit subscriptions in their respective neighbourhoods, and to inquire what families, individuals or schools, are in want of Bibles or Testaments, and make report thereof to the Association or the Committee of Correspondence, in order that they may be promptly supplied, either at prime cost or otherwise, according to circumstances.

9th. A list of such committees shall be kept by the Secretary; and at every Quarterly Meeting, each committee shall be called upon to report the state of its neighbourhood; the amount of moneys collected, and the number of Bibles and Testaments distributed or required.

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QUERIES ADDRESSED TO AUXILIARIES.

1. What number of families or individuals have been gratuitously furnished with the Holy Scriptures by the Auxiliary during the past year?

2. What number of Bibles and Testaments have been sold by the Auxiliary, within the past year?

3. How many members, male and female, are there belonging to the Auxiliary?

4. What number of families of Friends reside within its limits?

5. Are there any families of Friends within your limits not supplied with a copy of the Holy Scriptures in good clear type, and on fair paper; if so, how many?

6. How many members of our Society, capable of reading the Bible, do not own such a copy of the Holy Scriptures?

7. How many Bibles and Testaments may probably be disposed of by sale within your limits?

8. Is the income of the Auxiliary sufficient to supply those within its limits who are not duly furnished with the Holy Scriptures?

9. What number of Bibles and Testaments would it be necessary for the Bible Association to furnish gratuitously to enable the Auxiliary to supply each family?

10. What number would be required in order to furnish each member of our religious Society, capable of reading, who is destitute of a copy, and unable to purchase it?

11*. How many Bibles and Testaments of each kind are now on hand?

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* A full and explicit answer to this, with the other Queries, is particularly requested.

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TO THE

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THE Board of Managers report that 4,744 volumes have been distributed from the Depository during the year ending 6th month 29th, 1872; consisting of 1,457 Bibles, 627 Testaments, and 2,660 Testaments and Psalms.—Of these 449 Bibles, 261 Testaments and 1,478 Testaments and Psalms, have been sold to Booksellers or delivered to Subscribers; 250 Bibles, 102 Testaments, and 119 Testaments and Psalms have been disposed of to Auxiliaries; and 758 Bibles, 264 Testaments, and 1,063 Testaments and Psalms, have been issued gratuitously.

There have been 2,100 Testaments and Psalms printed during the year.

The stock on hand 7th month 1st, 1872, consisted of 229 Octavo Bibles, 2 Medium 12mo, 452 School 24mo, 567 Testaments and Psalms 12mo, 776 Testaments and Psalms 24mo, 260 Testaments 12mo, and 284 Testaments 24mo; making an aggregate of 2,570 *Bound* volumes. And in sheets we had 400 Reference Bibles, 700 School Bibles, 2,500 Testaments and

Psalms, and 800 Testaments; being a total of 4,400 unbound volumes.

The Receipts by the Treasurer from all sources for the year ending 10mo. 1st, 1872, amount to $4,716 68, exclusive of the balance of $2,008 82, in his hands 9mo. 30th 1871, and his expenditures for the same period were $3,070 67, leaving a balance in his hands 10th mo. 1st, 1872, of $3,654 83.

The Auxiliary Associations now maintaining their connection with ours are as follows, viz.

Philadelphia, Quarterly Meeting.
Burlington, " " N. J.
Fairfield, Ohio.
China, Maine.
Westfield, Ohio.
Durham, Maine.
Chesterfield, Ohio.

There are also several other Bible Associations which draw books from ours at intervals, but which are not strictly Auxiliaries to us. They are as follows:

Bible Asso. of Friends of Western Yearly Meeting.
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Hesper " " " Kansas.
New Garden Central Aux. Bible Asso. Indiana.
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Indiana Bible Association of Friends.
Western " " "
Cottonwood Aux. Bible Association of Friends, Kan.
Springdale " " " "
Vermilion Bible Association of Friends, Illinois.

Westfield	Aux.	Bible	Association	of Friends,	Ind.
Spiceland	"	"	"	"	"
Honey Creek		"	"	"	Iowa.
Springdale	"	"	"	"	"

By reference to the Report for 1871, it appears that the operations for the year past were not equal to the previous one; there having been distributed in the year 1871, 6,134 volumes, against 4,744 in 1872. As the stock on hand 7th month 1st, 1872, amounts to nearly 7,000 volumes, it is to be hoped that increased efforts will be made by the Members and Officers of the Association, to place them in the hands of those who need them.

That there are many persons destitute of the Scriptures throughout the country, and particularly in the Western and Southern States is unquestionable, and letters received by our Agent from time to time corroborate this fact, and also speak in some instances of the gratitude with which individuals have received the Bibles given them.

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Signed by direction and on behalf of the Board of Managers.

WM. EVANS, *Secretary pro. tem.*

Philadelphia, Tenth Month 30th, 1872.

Summary of the Treasurer's Account for the year, Tenth Month 1*st*, 1871, *to Tenth Month* 1*st*, 1872.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand at last Report,	$2,008 82
Interest,	485 30
Rents,	2,300 00
Auxiliaries, Donations &c.,	708 80
Sales of Books,	1,222 58
	6,725 50

PAYMENTS.

Printing,	138 60
Paper,	447 67
Salary of Agent &c.,	664 10
Binding,	1,224 50
Boxes,	12 65
Insurance,	27 00
Taxes,	497 15
Water Rent, Sewer Rent and Stamps,	59 00
Balance on hand 10th month 1, 1872,	3,654 83
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SAMUEL R. SHIPLEY, *Treas.*

The undersigned have examined the above accounts and compared the payments with the vouchers. We find them to agree and also certify that the balance on hand at the date specified above, was three thousand, six hundred and fifty-four dollars and eighty-three cents.

CHAS. RHOADS,
on behalf of Committee.

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	Size of Bible or Testament.	How Bound.	Price
Reference Bible {With Family Record, Index, and Concordance,	8vo.	Sheep patent back	$2 00
do. do.	do.	do. flexible bk.	2 50
do. do.	do.	Calf do. "	3 50
do. do.	do.	Turkey gilt,	5 00
do. do.	do.	do. plain	4 25
School Bible	24mo.	Plain Sheep	60
do.	do.	Sheep, flexible bk.	1 00
do.	do	Calf. embossed	1 75
do.	do.	do. do. & gilt	2 25
New Testament	24mo.	Muslin	20
do. Psalms	do.	do.	25
do.	do.	Skiver	25
do. Psalms	do.	do.	30
do.	12mo.	½ bound	35
do.	do.	Plain Sheep	40
do.	do.	Sheep. extra	60
Testament and Psalms, bound together	do.	Plain Sheep	50

THE

Forty-Fourth Annual Report

OF THE

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OF

FRIENDS IN AMERICA.

Read at the Annual Meeting, held on the evening of the Fifth of Eleventh Month, 1873.

PHILADELPHIA:

PRINTED BY WILLIAM K. BELLOWS,
S. W. corner Fourth and Apple Tree Streets.

1873.

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TO THE

BIBLE ASSOCIATION OF FRIENDS

IN AMERICA.

THE Board of Managers report that 4,687 volumes have been distributed from the Depository during the year ending Sixth month 30th, 1873; consisting of 2154 Bibles, 1,001 Testaments, and 1,532 Testaments and Psalms. Of these 433 Bibles, 157 Testaments, and 167 Testaments and Psalms, have been sold to Booksellers or delivered to subscribers; 129 Bibles, 20 Testaments, and 69 Testaments and Psalms, have been disposed of to Auxiliaries; and 1,592 Bibles, 824 Testaments, and 1,296 Testaments and Psalms, have been issued gratuitously.

There have been printed during the past year, 1,000 Reference and 2,000 School Bibles, 1,000 Testaments and Psalms, 24mo, and 1,000 Testaments, 24mo, making a total of 5,000 volumes.

The stock on hand Seventh month 1, 1873, consisted of 258 Reference, 2 Octavo, 10 12mo Medium, and 56 School (24mo) Bibles, 288 Testaments and Psalms 12mo, and 164 ditto 24mo, 336 12mo, and 721 24mo Testaments, making a total of 1,835 bound volumes.

In sheets there were 800 Reference and 1,500 24mo School Bibles, 300 Testaments and Psalms 12mo and 2,600 ditto 24mo, and 500 24mo Testaments, being a total of 5,700 unbound volumes.

The foregoing shows in comparison with the year ending Seventh month 1st, 1872, a falling off in sales and deliveries to subscribers of 1,431 volumes, and a decrease in the number of volumes delivered to Auxiliaries of 253 volumes; while there was an increase in the donation account of 1,627 volumes, making a decrease of 572 volumes in the total distribution for the past year.

The increase in the number of volumes printed during the year was 2,900 over 1872, while there is a falling off in the bound volumes on hand of 735, and an increase of unbound of 1,300 volumes.

The receipts of the Treasurer from all sources for the year ending Tenth month 1st, 1873, amount to $4,804 17, exclusive of the balance of $3,654 83 in his hands Tenth month 1st, 1872; and his expenditures for the same time have been $5,318 33, leaving a balance in his hands Tenth month 1st, 1873, due the Association, of $3,140 67.

The Board of Managers have again appropriated Bibles, &c., to the amount of $1,000, to the Bible and Tract Distributing Society, who have during the past year distributed 62 Reference and 405 School Bibles, 443 12mo and 262 24mo Testaments and Psalms,

and 79 12mo and 12 24mo Testaments, making a total of 1,263 volumes.

The Managers having for a long time felt the need of a medium sized Bible, believed the time had fully come when it should be prepared and issued by the Association. They have therefore contracted with Jno. Fagan & Sons, for the stereotype plates, at a cost of $3,150, and hope to issue the Bible early next year. The attention of Friends is invited to this edition of the Bible, as one which will supply a need felt by many, for a less ponderous volume than the large Reference Bible, and yet of a more legible type than smaller sized editions which we publish.

In conclusion, we would affectionately remind our members and others interested in the work of distributing the Holy Scriptures, that very many persons and families throughout our country, are, no doubt, still without copies of the sacred volume, and urge them to greater diligence in the good work of spreading the knowledge of the precious truths contained therein, remembering the injunction, "In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thy hand."

Signed on behalf and by direction of the Managers.

WILLIAM BETTLE, *Secretary.*

Philadelphia, Eleventh Month 4th, 1873.

Summary of the Treasurer's Account for the year, Tenth Month 1*st*, 1872, *to Tenth Month* 1*st*, 1873.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand at last Report,	$3,654 83
Catharine Evans' Legacy,	500 00
Interest on Lehigh Navigation Loan,	22 65
" " City Loan,	375 30
" " " " (C. Evans' Legacy,)	15 00
" " Deposits, &c.,	107 22
Rents of Real Estate,	2,300 00
Amount received from Auxiliaries,	961 70
" " for Donations,	127 70
" " " Sale of Books,	295 10
" " " Life Subscription,	20 00
" " " Annual "	79 50
	$8,459 00

PAYMENTS.

City Loan for C. Evans' Legacy,	$506 25
Printing,	1,094 60
Paper,	1,575 22
Binding,	460 60
Salary of Agent, &c.,	668 68
Bibles,	44 00
Repairs of Plates,	380 67
Insurance,	27 00
Taxes, Water and Sewer Rent,	544 52
Repairs to Real Estate,	16 79
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OF THE

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The Association shall appoint annually, fifteen of its members as Managers, to conduct its business. They shall be entrusted with the printing and distribution of the Holy Scriptures, in such manner, and at such prices, as they may judge proper, consistent with the objects of this Association. They shall have the power of filling such vacancies

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do.	12mo.	½ bound	35
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THE

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There have been printed during the past year 2100 Medium Bibles, 8 vo, 2100 School Bibles, 2000 Testaments and Psalms, 12 mo, and 1000 Testaments, 12 mo, making a total of 7200 volumes.

The stock on hand, Seventh month 1st, 1874, consisted of 146 Reference, 3 Octavo, 61 Medium, and 461 School (24 mo) Bibles; 227 Testaments and Psalms, 12 mo, and 1016 ditto 24 mo; 120 12 mo,

and 343 24 mo Testaments; making a total of 2377 bound volumes.

In sheets there were 600 Reference, 1900 Medium, and 1600 24 mo, (School) Bibles; 1000 Testaments and Psalms 12 mo, and 1000 ditto 24 mo; and 1000 24 mo Testaments; being a total of 7100 unbound volumes.

By the foregoing statement, it appears that the stock of books on hand Seventh month 1st, 1874, is much larger than that reported at the same time last year, the bound volumes having increased by the number of 542, and the stock in sheets being larger by 1400 books.

The receipts of the Treasurer from all sources for the year ending Tenth month 1st, 1874, amount to $7036 23, exclusive of the balance of $3140 67 in his hands, Tenth month 1st, 1873; and his expenditures for the same time have been $8980 40, leaving a balance in his hands Tenth month 1st, 1874, due the Association, of $1196 50.

The expenses for the year have been unusual from the cost of repairs and painting necessary to the preservation of the real estate, which amounted to $414.

The Board of Managers have again appropriated Bibles, &c., to the amount of $1000, to the Bible and Tract Distributing Society, who have during the past year distributed 73 Reference, 28 Medium and 546 School Bibles; 873 12 mo, and 475 24 mo Testaments

and Psalms; and 3 12 mo Testaments, making a total of 1998 volumes.

The medium sized Bible spoken of in our last report has been stereotyped and published during the year, and is a valuable addition to our stock. We believe it will supply a need that has long been felt, without depending as heretofore to some extent on other sources; the print is clear and distinct and the type of good size, yet the volume is compact and of convenient size for handling. The price ($1 25) is so moderate as to place it within easy reach of most; and will enable the Association to donate a valuable book at small expense.

When we remember that "all scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness; that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works," and above all that they "are able to make wise unto salvation, through faith which is in Christ Jesus," it is indeed surprising and sorrowful that their perusal is neglected by so many, or that there should be a single individual able to read that should not possess a copy of them.

We desire that members of our Association and other friends may be alive to the importance of their distribution and seek out and supply those who are yet without a copy. Besides its religious worth, the Bible possesses a historical value and interest far beyond that of any other book; dating back to the

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Signed on behalf and by direction of the Managers.

WILLIAM BETTLE, *Secretary.*

Philadelphia, Tenth Month 26th, 1874.

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" " City Loan, - - - - - - -	277 65
" " " " (C. Evans, Legacy,) - -	30 00
" " Deposits, - - - - - - - -	67 25
Rents of Real Estate, - - - - - - -	2,300 00
Amount received from Auxiliaries, - - - -	255 28
" " for Donations, - - - -	133 50
" " " Sale of Books, - - - -	511 45
" " " Annual Subscription, - -	69 50
" " " Sale of City Loan, - - -	3,352 25
	$10,176 90

PAYMENTS.

Paper and Printing, . - - - - - - -	$2,737 97
Binding, - - - - - - - - -	1,273 25
Salary of Agent and Incidental Expenses, - - -	665 55
Bibles Bought, - - - - - - - -	23 10
Stereotype Plates for the New Bible, - - - -	3,100 00
Insurance, - - - - - - - - -	227 00
Taxes, Water and Sewer Rent, - - - - -	554 43
Repairs to Real Estate, - - - - - - -	399 10
Balance on hand 10th month, 1st, 1874, - - -	1,196 50
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JAMES BROMLEY.

Philadelphia, Tenth Mo. 21, 1874.

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do. do.	do.	Calf do. "	3 50
do. do.	do.	Turkey gilt,	5 00
do. do.	do.	do. plain	4 25
Medium Bible	do.	Plain Sheep	1 25
School Bible	24mo.	do. do.	60
do.	do.	Sheep, flexible bk.	1 00
do.	do.	Calf, embossed	1 75
do.	do.	do. do. & gilt	2 25
New Testament	24mo.	Muslin	20
do. Psalms	do.	do.	25
do.	do.	Skiver	25
do. Psalms	do.	do.	30
do.	12mo.	½ bound	35
do.	do.	Plain Sheep	40
do.	do.	Sheep, extra	60
Testament and Psalms, bound together	do.	Plain Sheep	50

THE

Forty-Sixth Annual Report

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OF

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Read at the Annual Meeting, held on the evening of the Third of Eleventh Month, 1875.

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TO THE

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The Board of Managers report that 6,670 volumes have been distributed from the Depository during the fifteen months ending Ninth month 30th, 1875; consisting of 2,957 Bibles, 1,236 Testaments, and 2,477 Testaments and Psalms. Of these 287 Bibles, 160 Testaments, and 99 Testaments and Psalms, have been sold to Booksellers or delivered to subscribers; 356 Bibles, 45 Testaments, and 339 Testaments and Psalms, have been issued to Auxiliary Associations; and 2,314 Bibles, 1,031 Testaments, and 2,039 Testaments and Psalms, have been distributed gratuitously.

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The stock on hand Tenth month 1st, 1875, consisted of the following:—180 Reference, 1 Octavo, 197 Medium, and 357 School (24 mo) Bibles; 450 Testaments and Psalms, 12 mo, and 641 ditto 24 mo; 169

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In sheets there were 200 Reference, 1,500 Medium, and 1,400 24 mo, (School) Bibles; 2,000 Testaments and Psalms 24 mo, 950 Testaments 12 mo, and 250 ditto 24 mo; being a total of 6,300 unbound volumes.

The account of the Treasurer shows that the balance in his hands Tenth mo 1st, 1874, was $1196 50, and that he has received during the past year the sum of $3,320 05; his expenditures for the same time have been $3,169 97, leaving in his hands a balance due the Association, Tenth mo. 1st, 1875, of $1,346 58.

Since our last report, copies of the Scriptures to the value of $1,000, have been donated to the Bible and Tract Distributing Society, who have during the past fifteen months distributed the following: 41 Reference, 180 Medium, and 1,398 School Bibles; 310 Testaments and Psalms 12 mo, 1,057 ditto 24 mo, and 593 Testaments 24 mo, making a total of 3,579 volumes.

Since the printing of our Medium Bible, which has been found a desirable addition to our stock, we feel that the variety of sizes, comprised in our list of publications, enables us to furnish books likely to accord with the various purposes for which they may be intended; and the moderate price of all, places them within very general reach.

It might seem superfluous in this age of religious interest and awakening to call attention to the inestimable value of the Sacred Writings, and to the great importance of their wide and full circulation; that all who are able to peruse them, whether old or young, may have this privilege within their reach. But persuaded as we are that many yet fail to appreciate the advantage thus to be derived, both for themselves and their children, by a more intimate acquaintance with their contents; we feel constrained again to urge upon the members of our Association, as well as others interested with us, the extent of the field of labor; with the hope that every proper opportunity may be embraced for a more general circulation of the Bible, with, it may be, a word of encouragement carefully and seriously to dwell upon its contents. We believe that the Scriptures were written under the immediate inspiration of the Holy Spirit—that under this same influence, they are ofttimes made instrumental in arousing the lukewarm and indifferent, as well as to encourage the weary, faint-hearted traveler Zionward; and that there are none possessed of any religious feeling, but will find within their pages that which will correspond with their own experience. With such reflections before us, may we earnestly seek for opportunities of doing good in this way; feeling assured that our Association is engaged in a worthy cause, in which the individual laborer is well repaid for his exertions.

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Amount received from Auxiliaries, - - - - -	229 45
" " for Donations, - - - -	172 75
" " " Sale of Books, - - - -	277 15
" " " Annual Subscriptions, - -	61 00
	$4,516 55

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Paper and Printing, - - - - - - - -	$657 27
Binding, - - - - - - - - - - -	1,269 85
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New Testament	24mo.	Muslin	20
do. Psalms	do.	do.	25
do.	do.	Skiver	25
do. Psalms	do.	do.	30
do.	12mo.	½ bound	35
do.	do.	Plain Sheep	40
do.	do.	Sheep, extra	60
Testament and Psalms, bound together	do.	Plain Sheep	50

THE

Forty-Seventh Annual Report

OF THE

BIBLE ASSOCIATION

OF

FRIENDS IN AMERICA.

Read at the Annual Meeting, held on the evening of the First of Eleventh Month, 1876.

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TO THE

BIBLE ASSOCIATION OF FRIENDS

IN AMERICA.

THE Board of Managers report that 4922 volumes have been distributed from the Depository during the year, ending 9th Month 30th, 1876; consisting of 2380 Bibles, 795 Testaments, and 1747 Testaments and Psalms. Of these 167 Bibles, 11 Testaments, and 23 Testaments and Psalms, have been sold to booksellers, or delivered to subscribers; 95 Bibles, 25 Testaments, and 210 Testaments and Psalms have been issued to Auxiliary Associations; and 2118 Bibles, 759 Testaments, and 1514 Testaments and Psalms have been distributed gratuitously.

During the same period there have been printed 2000 school Bibles, and 2000 Testaments and Psalms, 12 mo., making a total of 4000 volumes.

The stock on hand 10th Month 2d, 1876, consisted of the following: viz. 150 reference, 1 octavo, 268 medium, and 147 school, (24mo.,) Bibles; 132 Testaments and Psalms, (12mo.,) 402 Testaments and Psalms, (24mo.,) 102 Testaments, (12mo.,) and 393 Testaments, (24mo.,) making a total of 1595 bound volumes.

In sheets there were 1300 medium, and 1800 school Bibles, (24mo.,) 700 Testaments and Psalms (24mo.,) 1600 Testaments, (12mo.,) and 700 Testaments, 24mo., being a total of 6350 unbound volumes.

The account of the Treasurer shows that the balance in his hands, 10th Month, 1st, 1875, was $1346 58, and that he has received during the past fiscal year, the sum of $3146 23. His expenditures for the same time have been $4105 70, leaving in his hands a balance due the Association, 10th Month 1st, 1876, of $387 10.

Agreeably to suggestions made at the last Annual Meeting of the Association, for the more extended and active participation of members of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, in the work of distributing the Holy Scriptures among the population of their respective districts, a committee was appointed by the Board of Managers in the 12th Month last, who prepared and had printed a circular of which the following is a copy:

To Friends of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting.

The Bible Association of Friends in America, desires to call the attention of Friends to the facilities offered by the Association for the supply of Bibles and Testaments for gratuitous distribution, or for sale at low prices.

The Constitution contains the following articles:

II. The objects of the Association shall be:—To encourage a wider circulation, as well as a more frequent and serious perusal of the Holy Scriptures, and to promote a more accurate knowledge of their invaluable contents.

III. The attention of the Association shall be first directed to furnishing the Bible to such members of the religious Society of Friends as may not be duly supplied, and also, as its funds will permit, to other persons.

From these extracts it will be seen that furnishing our own members with copies of the Holy Scriptures, was by no means the only object of the founders of the Association, though it claimed at first their most careful attention. These labours have been so eminently blessed, that it is believed there are few of our members who are not supplied with copies of the precious volume. The duty however remains of promoting the circulation and reading of the Scriptures among those not of our Society, near whom our lot in life is cast.

We desire to encourage our younger members especially, to engage in this service, believing that if entered upon with simplicity, it will be blessed to them; and the presentation of a copy of the Scriptures, with suitable words of encouragement to their use, may often be blessed to the awakening of the indifferent to their value, and may lead to an ultimate realization of the precious promises they contain.

If a few Friends in a particular Meeting will form a simple organization to promote the objects of the Association as set forth in the extracts from the Constitution above quoted, or if individuals desire by themselves to enter upon this work, we will cheerfully co-operate with them, and invite such committees or persons to correspond with us, stating what number of Bibles and Testaments can be suitably distributed in their neighborhoods. We have various editions which will be found suitable for sale or gratuitous distribution.

This was mailed to a Friend selected in each Preparative Meeting throughout the Yearly Meeting, with a request that they would undertake the work of distribution. Favorable responses were received from 23 of those so addressed, who have been furnished with packages of our books, with authority to sell them where practicable, and in their discretion to donate copies to persons who might be unable to purchase.

Reports have been received from 10 of these agents at this date, giving accounts of their operations. They have distributed 168 volumes, most of which have been disposed of gratuitously. The letters received from the agents indicate a hearty interest in the service, and give proof that the books have been gratefully received in most cases. One of the female agents who has given 38 copies of the Scriptures to the hands employed in a rolling mill at Coatesville, Pa., says, "the men all seemed glad to have the Bibles."

Another Friend states that with the colored people in his vicinity (Chester County, Penna.,) "there is a rare opening; they are trying to improve themselves, and are learning to read and seem to be in want of the Scriptures." An agent mentions giving 5 copies to members of our Society who had none, in the neighborhood of Rancocas, New Jersey. A Friend in Camden, Delaware, speaks of visiting among the colored people there to inquire about their needs, and reading to them from the Scriptures, and says, "they listened with great apparent interest," and adds "I have felt paid for the little I have done for them by their countenances and thanks."

We are encouraged to believe that the plan adopted is a judicious one, and hope more of our members may volunteer to co-operate with the Association in the good work.

Signed on behalf and by direction of the Managers.

WILLIAM BETTLE, *Secretary.*

Philadelphia, Tenth Month, 23d, 1876.

Summary of the Treasurer's account for the year, Tenth Month 1st, 1875. to Tenth Month 1st, 1876.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand 10th month 1st, 1875, - - -	$1,346 58
Interest on Lehigh Navigation Loan, - - -	31 80
" " City Loan, - - - - - - -	180 00
" " " " (C. Evans, Legacy.) - -	30 00
" " Deposit, - - - - - - -	31 43
Rents of Real Estate, - - - - - - -	2,300 00
Amount received from Auxiliaries, - - - -	258 70
" " for Donations, - - - -	114 65
" " " Sale of Books, - - - -	179 65
" " " Annual Subscriptions, - -	20 00
	$4,492 81

PAYMENTS.

Paper and Printing, - - - - - - - -	$1,407 97
Binding, - - - - - - - - - - -	1,515 00
Salary of Agent and Incidental Expenses, - - -	652 08
Insurance, - - - - - - - - - -	27 00
Taxes, Water and Sewer Rents, - - - - - -	503 66
Balance on hand Tenth month 1st, 1876, - - -	387 10
	$4,492 81

We, the undersigned, having examined the foregoing account, and compared the payments with the vouchers, we find them to agree.

SIGNED, { C. L. NICHOLSON,
RICHD. J. ALLEN.

Philadelphia, Tenth Month 5th, 1876.

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RULES.

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2d. Any member of the Bible Association of Friends in America, residing in this district, shall be considered a member of this Auxiliary Association.

3d. The officers of this Association shall be a Secretary, Treasurer, and a Committee of Correspondence.

4th. The Committee of Correspondence shall consist of the Secretary, Treasurer, and members, to be chosen annually: they shall have the power of filling vacancies in their own body, and shall be authorized to act on behalf of the Association, during its recess: they shall meet monthly, and keep fair minutes of all their proceedings, which, with the correspondence, shall be laid before the Association at its Quarterly meetings. members shall form a quorum.

5th. The Association shall meet once in three months, on the day of . At the first Quarterly Meeting in each year, a statement of the accounts, and of the number of Bibles and Testaments distributed, and on hand, shall be exhibited; the several officers appointed; and a detailed report of the pro-

ceedings during the preceding year, be prepared and forwarded to the Secretary of the Bible Association of Friends in America; to attend the Annual Meeting of which, delegates may be appointed.

6th. The amount of subscriptions and donations to this Association, after deducting the necessary expenses, shall be remitted annually to the Treasurer of the Bible Association of Friends in America, in consideration of the provision made in the twelfth article of its Constitution, viz: "The full amount paid by Auxiliary Societies to the Treasurer of this Association, shall be returned to them, if demanded within the current year, in Bibles or Testaments at the lowest prices, subject to the regulations which may be established by the Managers; but all sums not so demanded, shall remain at the disposal of this Association to aid in promoting its general objects."

7th. Every subscriber to this Association shall be entitled to a return of one-half of the amount of his life or annual subscription, in Bibles or Testaments at cost, under such regulations as may be hereafter adopted.

8th. The members of the Association shall appoint committees, whose duty it shall be to solicit subscriptions in their respective neighbourhoods, and to inquire what families, individuals or schools, are in want of Bibles or Testaments, and make report thereof to the Association or the Committee of Correspondence, in order that they may be promptly supplied, either at prime cost or otherwise, according to circumstances.

9th. A list of such committees shall be kept by the Secretary; and at every Quarterly Meeting, each committee shall be called upon to report the state of its neighbourhood; the amount of moneys collected, and the number of Bibles and Testaments distributed or required.

10th. Any member ceasing to be a member of the religious Society of Friends, shall cease to be a member of this Association.

QUERIES ADDRESSED TO AUXILIARIES.

1. What number of families or individuals have been gratuitously furnished with the Holy Scriptures by the Auxiliary during the past year?

2. What number of Bibles and Testaments have been sold by the Auxiliary, within the past year?

3. How many members, male and female, are there belonging to the Auxiliary?

4. What number of families of Friends reside within its limits?

5. Are there any families of Friends within your limits not supplied with a copy of the Holy Scriptures in good clear type, and on fair paper; if so, how many?

6. How many members of our Society, capable of reading the Bible, do not own such a copy of the Holy Scriptures?

7. How many Bibles and Testaments may probably be disposed of by sale within your limits?

8. Is the income of the Auxiliary sufficient to supply those within its limits who are not duly furnished with the Holy Scriptures?

9. What number of Bibles and Testaments would it be necessary for the Bible Association to furnish gratuitously to enable the Auxiliary to supply each family?

10. What number would be required in order to furnish each member of our religious Society, capable of reading, who is destitute of a copy, and unable to purchase it?

11*. How many Bibles and Testaments of each kind are now on hand?

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* A full and explicit answer to this, with the other Queries, is particularly requested.

FORMS OF LEGACY.

1. *Form of a Bequest of Personal Estate.*

"I give and bequeath to A. B. and A. C. and the survivor of them, and the executors and administrators of such survivor, the sum of in trust for the use of an Institution in Philadelphia, known by the name of 'The Bible Association of Friends in America,' and to be paid by the said Trustees to the Treasurer for the time being of the said Institution."

2. *Form of a Devise of Real Estate.*

"I give and devise to A. B. and C. D. and their heirs, all that (here describe the property) together with the appurtenances, to hold to them the said A. B. and C. D. and the survivor of them, and the heirs of such survivors for ever; in trust nevertheless for the sole use and benefit of an Institution in Philadelphia, known by the name of 'The Bible Association of Friends in America,' and upon this further trust, absolutely to dispose of, and convey the same, either in fee, or for such other estate, and in such way and manner, as the members of the said Association shall, at any meeting or meetings, order, direct and appoint."

The Depository of the Bible Association is at No. 116 North Fourth street, a few doors above Arch street. Communications respecting the business of the Office may be addressed to John S. Stokes, Agent.

BIBLE ASSOCIATION OF FRIENDS IN AMERICA.

Depository No. 116 North Fourth Street, up stairs, Philada.

PRICES OF BIBLES AND TESTAMENTS.

	Size of Bible or Testament.	How Bound.	Price
Reference Bible { With Family Record, Index, and Concordance,	8vo.	Sheep patent back	$2 00
do. do.	do.	do. flexible bk.	2 50
do. do.	do.	Calf do. "	3 50
do. do.	do.	Turkey gilt,	5 00
do. do.	do.	do. plain	4 25
Medium Bible	do.	Plain Sheep	1 25
School Bible	24mo.	do do.	00
do.	do.	Sheep, flexible bk.	1 00
do.	do	Calf, embossed	1 75
do.	do.	do. do. & gilt	2 25
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do.	do.	Skiver	25
do. Psalms	do.	do.	30
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do.	do.	Plain Sheep	40
do	do.	Sheep. extra	60
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THE Board of Managers report that three thousand three hundred and thirty volumes have been distributed from the Depository during the year ending Ninth month 29th, 1877; consisting of sixteen hundred and seventy-four Bibles, four hundred and fifty-five Testaments, and twelve hundred and one Testaments and Psalms. Of these one hundred and seventy-five Bibles, two Testaments, and forty-two Testaments and Psalms, have been sold to booksellers or delivered to subscribers; two hundred and forty-one Bibles, thirty Testaments, and one hundred and forty Testaments and Psalms have been distributed among Auxiliary Associations; and twelve hundred and fifty-eight Bibles, four hundred and twenty-three Testaments, and ten hundred and nineteen Testaments and Psalms have been disposed of gratuitously.

One thousand Reference Bibles have been printed during the same time.

The stock on hand Tenth month 1st, 1877, comprised the following: viz. one hundred and forty-three reference, one octavo, nine medium and three hundred

and seventy-nine school, (24mo.) Bibles, one hundred and nine Testament and Psalms, (12mo.), two hundred and ninety-nine Testaments and Psalms, (24mo.), forty-nine Testaments, (12mo.) and eighty Testaments, (24mo.) making in all ten hundred and sixty-nine bound volumes.

In sheets there were eight hundred reference, five hundred medium, and three hundred School Bibles, (24mo.,) eleven hundred Testaments and Psalms, (12mo.,) and nine hundred and fifty Testaments (12mo.,) making a total of three thousand six hundred and fifty unbound volumes.

The Committee appointed to examine the account of the Treasurer have ascertained that the balance in his hands Tenth month 1st, 1876, was $387 10, and that his receipts during the past fiscal year have been $3050 31. During the same period, he has expended the sum of $2853 66, leaving in his hands a balance due the Association Tenth mo. 1st, 1877 of $583 75.

The agents, who in response to the circular issued nearly two years since, consented to assist in the distribution of our publications in their respective localities, have in several instances furnished detailed accounts of their operations since our last report. Two friends who have taken an active part in this work, speak of having donated copies of the medium Bible to two members of our society, residing in Ulster County, New York, and add: "It was encouraging to find on subsequent

visits, that the convenient Bible was lying at hand on a table, with many markers inserted, showing use and appreciation. We feel very grateful for the valuable grants, and for the privilege of distributing the precious book." A young woman, who was furnished with a reference Bible for a newly-married couple, writes: "They wished much to have a family Bible, but had not seen the time to procure one, and I am sure they will be most grateful for this copy." A friend on the coast of New Jersey, acknowledges as follows the receipt of some Bibles: "Please accept of our thanks for your generous and liberal donation. I hope that the truth as set forth in the gospel may be blessed to many souls on this island."

Other letters might be quoted from, showing the manner in which the gifts have been appreciated by the recipients, and the satisfaction afforded some who have undertaken to assist in the work of distribution. A few of the copies disposed of by those acting as agents, have been sold; but the large majority were handed gratuitously among those whose means, in many cases, have barely furnished the necessaries of life.

It is believed that our members would more generally feel an interest in this work, and would more freely contribute to the support of the cause, did they appreciate the extent of the field of labor, and the fact that at times, the condition of the treasury

forces us to pause, before deciding to print as largely as would be desirable and economical.

We feel no hesitation therefore, in calling the attention of friends generally to the subject, that all may ascertain whether there is not a duty resting upon them, either in the way of acting as distributing agents, or in contributions that may materially assist in carrying out the objects of the Association.

Signed on behalf of and by direction of the Managers.

WILLIAM BETTLE, *Secretary.*

Philadelphia, Tenth Month, 22d, 1877.

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" " Deposits, - - - - - - -	12 99
Rents of Real Estate, - - - - - - -	2,069 50
Amount received from Auxiliaries, - - - -	230 55
" " " Donations, - - - -	182 22
" " " Sale of Books, - - - -	169 25
" " " Subscriptions, - - -	144 00
	$3,437 41

PAYMENTS.

Paper and Printing, - - - - - - - -	$889 05
Binding, - - - - - - - - - -	569 50
Salary of Agent and Incidental Expenses, - - -	685 58
Insurance, - - - - - - - - -	27 00
Taxes, Water and Sewer Rents, - - - - -	524 58
Repairs to Real Estate, - - - - - - -	157 95
Balance on hand Tenth month 1st, 1877, - - -	583 75
	$3,437 41

The undersigned have examined the foregoing account, and compared the payments with the vouchers: we find them to agree; and also certify that the balance in hand at the date specified above, was five hundred and eighty-three $\frac{75}{100}$ dollars.

SIGNED, { MARK BALDERSTON,
CALEB WOOD.

Philadelphia, Tenth Month 19*th*, 1877.

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BIBLE ASSOCIATION OF FRIENDS IN AMERICA.

Depository No. 116 North Fourth Street, up stairs, Philada.

PRICES OF BIBLES AND TESTAMENTS.

	Size of Bible or Testament.	How Bound.	Price
Reference Bible { With Family Record, Index, and Concordance,	8vo.	Sheep patent back	$2 00
do. do.	do.	do. flexible bk.	2 50
do. do.	do.	Calf do. "	3 50
do. do.	do.	Turkey gilt,	5 00
do. do.	do.	do. plain	4 25
Medium Bible	do.	Plain Sheep	1 25
School Bible	24mo.	do. do.	60
do.	do.	Sheep, flexible bk.	1 00
do.	do.	Calf, embossed	1 75
do.	do.	do. do. & gilt	2 25
New Testament	24mo.	Muslin	20
do. Psalms	do.	do.	25
do.	do.	Skiver	25
do. Psalms	do.	do.	30
do.	12mo.	½ bound	35
do.	do.	Plain Sheep	40
do.	do.	Sheep, extra	60
Testament and Psalms, bound together	do.	Plain Sheep	50

THE

Forty-Ninth Annual Report

OF THE

BIBLE ASSOCIATION

OF

FRIENDS IN AMERICA.

Read at the Annual Meeting, held on the evening of the Sixth of Eleventh Month, 1878.

PHILADELPHIA:

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1878.

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HENRY HAINES, Treasurer.

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TO THE

BIBLE ASSOCIATION OF FRIENDS

IN AMERICA.

THE Managers present the following Report of their proceedings for the fiscal year, ending Tenth month 1st, 1878.

There have been issued from the Depository during that time, 3377 volumes; consisting of 1488 Bibles, 1506 Testaments and Psalms, and 383 Testaments.

126 Bibles, 48 Testaments, and 107 Testaments and Psalms, have been sold to booksellers, or delivered to subscribers; 140 Bibles, 10 Testaments, and 151 Testaments and Psalms, have been purchased by Auxiliaries. And there have been donated 1222 Bibles, 2795 Testaments and Psalms, and 325 Testaments.

There have been printed in this time 1000 School Bibles, 2000 Testaments and Psalms, and 1000 Testaments.

The stock on hand one year ago consisted of 143 Reference Bibles, one Octavo, and nine Medium, and 379 School Bibles. 109 Testaments and Psalms, 12mo., 299 Testaments and Psalms, 24mo., 49 Testaments, 12mo., and 80 Testaments, 24mo. (bound volumes.)

The stock on hand, as appears by report of the Agent, is as follows:

Bound Volumes.

Reference Bibles, Octavo,	- - - -	119
Bible (American Bible Society,) Octavo,	- -	1
Medium Bibles, Octavo,	- - - -	121
School Bibles, 24mo.,	- - - - -	187
Testaments and Psalms,	12mo. - - -	214
Ditto,	24mo. - - -	159
Testaments, - -	12mo. - - -	53
Ditto, - -	24mo. - - -	101
		955

In Sheets.

Reference Bibles, Octavo,	- - - -	650
Medium Bibles, Octavo,	- - - -	200
School Bibles, 24mo.	- - - -	600
Testaments and Psalms,	12mo. - - -	400
Ditto,	24mo. - - -	900
Testaments,	12mo. - - -	800
Ditto,	24mo. - - -	700
		4250

The Reports for the last ten years show a distribution and sale of 59,809 volumes, of which there were 22,490 Bibles, 11,273 Testaments, and 26,046 Testaments and Psalms. During the ten years preceding there were issued 18,653 Bibles, 16,967 Testaments, and 8,701 Testaments and Psalms; making in that time 44,321 volumes.

There are now comparatively few, (scarcely ten per cent) of the distributions made by the aid of Auxiliary Associations. It is supposed that the neighborhoods where Friends reside, in the eastern sections at least of the country, are generally so well supplied with the Scriptures, that there is not sufficient need to warrant Friends in keeping up organizations for that purpose, hence some change in the manner of home distribution has of late prevailed. The efforts made by the Association two years ago, to promote the circulation and perusal of the Scriptures within the bounds and neighborhood of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, by the appointment of suitable Friends to act as agents, to ascertain the needs of their neighborhoods has met with considerable success. The Friends designated have cheerfully accepted the duties assigned them, and have distributed 1132 volumes; viz. 519 Bibles, 67 Testaments, and 546 Testaments and Psalms, and this committee on distribution have been largely looked to, to supply the demand for schools, and other public as well as private donations, within the limits of our own Yearly Meeting; while applications beyond this have been referred to the corresponding members, for their judgment and direction.

In those localities where Friends do not feel warranted in organizing for the service, we desire they will individually maintain a lively interest in the cause, and see to it, that there are no persons in their knowledge who desire a copy of the sacred

writings, who are not supplied through the aid of the Association.

It is interesting to notice the extent of the territory occupied, and the variety of agencies employed in the service. The field covers our country from Maine, westward to Kansas, and from Canada, southward to Florida and the Gulf States.

In this city and its vicinity, Bible Readers, and those engaged in Mission labor among the poor and outcast, have proved efficient Auxiliaries in promoting our work. By their means numbers have been reached, who otherwise might have been totally neglected. And is it not an incentive to further labor to see how often, in this day, notwithstanding our own and kindred organizations, are distributing these inestimable writings over the land, there are still so many who do not possess a copy.

Ministering Friends in carrying out their concerns in visiting distant portions of our country, have likewise proved efficient co-laborers with the Association.

The Treasurer's account shows a balance on hand at this time of $531 78. He has received during the year $2,564 17. Last year the receipts were $3,050-31. Showing a falling off in receipts of $486 14. This was mainly owing to loss and reduction of the rental of the real estate belonging to the Association.

The Managers have during the year been again cheered as on former occasions, by letters from recipients of these invaluable records. Some of them being conveyed in language which shows the depth of their gratitude to our Father in Heaven, in providing such holy and sacred truths, for their perusal and benefit.

We desire therefore to renew our efforts in time to come, faithfully to do what we can for those less favored than ourselves, that they may be brought to a knowledge of the precious truths contained in the Sacred volume.

We repeat what has been written in a former report. "It is believed that our members would more generally feel an interest in this work, and would more freely contribute to the support of the cause, did they appreciate the extent of the field of labor, and the fact, that at times the condition of the treasury forces us to pause."

We feel no hesitation therefore in calling the attention of Friends everywhere to the subject, that all may ascertain the duty resting upon them, either as distributors to the poor and lowly of these sacred writings, or as contributors to the Association in that material aid, which is so essential to carry forward the objects of this organization.

Before closing this forty-ninth report of the Managers, we find it in our hearts to confess one to another, and all together, that in our efforts to forward the

work here given us to do, we have not done all that we might have done, and that we are but poor stewards of the manifold grace of our Heavenly Father; and yet His mercy has been richly bestowed upon us all the year through. And if anything has been done to promote His cause, or to the increase of His righteous kingdom and dominion in the earth over the sinful hearts of men, all the praise must be returned to Him who is excellent in goodness, in power, in mercy and truth, and is yet, as in ancient times, "glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, doing wonders."

Signed on behalf and by direction of the Managers.

WILLIAM BETTLE, *Secretary.*

Philadelphia, Tenth Month, 28*th,* 1878.

Summary of the Treasurer's account for the year 10*th mo.* 1*st*, 1877, *to* 10*th mo.* 1*st*, 1878.

RECEIPTS.

Balance 10th month 1st, 1877,	$583 75
Interest on Lehigh Navigation Loan,	31 80
" " City Loan,	210 00
" " Deposits,	15 50
Rents of Real Estate,	1,603 25
Amount received from Auxiliaries,	329 55
" " " Donations,	229 10
" " " Sale of Books,	144 97
	$3,147 92

PAYMENTS.

Paper and Printing,	$590 73
Binding,	510 27
Salary of Agent and Incidental Expenses,	854 33
Insurance,	27 00
Taxes, Water and Sewer Rents,	462 25
Repairs to Real Estate,	191 56
Balance in hand Tenth month 1st, 1878,	531 78
	$3,147 92

The undersigned have examined the foregoing account, and compared the payments with the vouchers; we find them correct, and also certify that the balance in hand on Tenth month 1st, 1878, was five hundred and thirty-one $\frac{78}{100}$ dollars.

SIGNED, { ELTON B. GIFFORD,
JNO. W. BIDDLE.

Philadelphia, Tenth Month 12*th*, 1878.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

BIBLE ASSOCIATION OF FRIENDS IN AMERICA.

ARTICLE I.

The designation of this Society, shall be "The Bible Association of Friends in America."

ARTICLE II.

The objects of this Association shall be, to encourage a wider circulation, as well as a more frequent and serious perusal of the Holy Scriptures, and to promote a more accurate knowledge of their invaluable contents.

ARTICLE III.

The attention of this Association, shall be first directed to furnishing the Bible to such members of the Religious Society of Friends, as may not be duly supplied; and also, as its funds will permit, to other persons.

ARTICLE IV.

Any person paying to the Treasurer of this Institution, Twenty dollars at one time, or two dollars annually, and being a member of the Religious Society of Friends, shall be a member of this Association.

ARTICLE V.

The Officers of this Association shall be, a Secretary, a Treasurer, a Committee of Correspondence, and a Board of Managers.

ARTICLE VI.

The Association shall appoint annually, fifteen of its members as Managers, to conduct its business. They shall be entrusted with the printing and distribution of the Holy Scriptures, in such manner, and at such prices, as they may judge proper, consistent with the objects of this Association. They shall have the power of filling such vacancies

in the list of Officers, or of the Managers, as may occur in the recess of the Association; and of calling Special Meetings of the Association whenever they may deem it expedient. A report of their proceedings shall be laid before the Association, at its Annual Meeting.

ARTICLE VII.

A Committee of three persons shall be appointed annually, to correspond with Societies or individuals, on behalf of this Association, under the direction of the Managers.

ARTICLE VIII.

It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive and keep in trust, all monies and title deeds, and papers relating to the real estate of the Association; he shall pay all orders drawn by it or the Board of Managers; shall make a quarterly statement of his accounts to the latter; and he shall also make an Annual Report to them at their Meeting in the eleventh month, of his receipts and payments during the past year; which report shall be submitted, after due examination, to the Annual Meeting of the Association. He shall deposit all monies received by him, on account of the Association, in its name, in one of the Banks in the City of Philadelphia, and pay all orders by checks; and he shall keep the accounts in a separate book, provided for the purpose.

ARTICLE IX.

All the Officers of the Association shall be *ex-officio* members of the Board of Managers; and seven members shall constitute a quorum.

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Such members of the Religious Society of Friends, as may form themselves into Bible Associations, under the rules recommended by this Association, shall be considered as Auxiliaries, and entitled to privileges hereinafter provided.

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Every person paying to the Treasurer of an Auxiliary Society, the sum of Twenty dollars at one time, or two dollars annually, and being a member of the Religious Society of Friends, shall, on producing a receipt for such payment, be entitled to the privileges of membership in this Association.

ARTICLE XIV.

The Annual Meetings of the Association shall be held in Philadelphia, on the evening of the first fourth-day in the Eleventh month, at which time the Officers shall be appointed.

ARTICLE XV.

No alteration shall be made in this Constitution, but at an Annual Meeting, and with the consent of two-thirds of the members present.

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Any member of this Association, ceasing to be a member of the Religious Society of Friends, shall cease to be a member of this Association.

Rules for the government of the Auxiliary Associations.

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TO THE

BIBLE ASSOCIATION OF FRIENDS

IN AMERICA.

The Managers present the following Report for the year ending Ninth month 30th, 1879.

There have been delivered from the Depository 3573 volumes, consisting of 1376 Bibles, 1688 Testaments and Psalms, and 509 Testaments.

136 Bibles, 58 Testaments, and 19 Testaments and Psalms have been sold to booksellers, or delivered to subscribers; 156 Bibles, 24 Testaments, and 92 Testaments and Psalms have been purchased by Auxiliaries. And there have been donated 1084 Bibles, 427 Testaments, and 1577 Testaments and Psalms.

There have been printed during the year 1000 School Bibles, 1000 small Testaments, and 1000 small Testaments and Psalms.

The stock on hand, as appears by report of the Agent, is as follows: viz.

Bound Volumes.

Reference Bibles, - - - - -	94
" " of (Am. Bible Society's Ed.)	1
Medium, " - - - - -	44
School, " - - - - -	244
Agate, " - - - - -	18
Testaments and Psalms, large, - - -	128
" " " small, - - -	261
Testaments, 12 mo. - - - - -	106
" 18 mo. - - - - -	162
" 32 mo. - - - - -	36
	1094

In Sheets.

Reference Bibles, - - - - -	446
Medium " - - - - -	0
School " - - - - -	600
Testaments and Psalms, large, - - -	0
" " " small, - - -	800
Testaments, large, - - -	700
" small, - - -	1300
	3846

The Treasurer's account is submitted herewith, with a summary statement of receipt and disbursements.

During the fifty years since its organization this Association has distributed

67,185 Bibles,

50,973 Testaments, and

37,198 Testaments and Psalms, making the total number of volumes sold or given away 155,356; averaging 3117 per year.

The Testament and Psalms were not bound together until the year 1847, and the average of these distributed per year has been 1138.

During the past year our donations have been largely to supply Bible and Mission Schools; some have gone to the Freedmen; some to the Indians; some to members of our own Society in new settlements; and some to the poor and worthy in our midst. Some of the Agents appointed three years ago, continue to co-operate with us in promoting the work, and they have been furnished with 178 volumes for distribution in the limits of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting.

The distribution has extended during the year to New York, Virginia, Indiana, Tennessee, North and South Carolina, Florida, Arkansas, Indian Territory, and other points. 489 volumes have been sent to the State of Kansas. Our attention having been called to a pioneer settlement of Friends on the line of the Kansas Pacific Rail Road, among whom considerable destitution of the Scriptures was reported, 73 volumes were forwarded for their use.

A small donation has been made to the "Home Missionary Society" of this city, for the purpose of enabling them to place a copy of the Bible in the hands of poor children, rescued from lives of vice and degradation, and placed in better and purer homes in the country.

A person writing from Maryville, Tennessee, says: "I am specially glad to be able, through your kind aid, to donate large Bibles to four aged couples who now seem deeply interested in reading the Holy Scriptures, and had no legible copies. I sincerely thank you on behalf of these."

The labors of the Association now cover half a century, and the fathers who organized it have nearly all been gathered home. We who now have charge can scarcely realize how many members of our Religious Society were found at the first who did not own a Bible.

The Annual Report for the year 1834, states:

"Within the limits of nine Auxiliary Associations, it appears that there are 72 families, and more than 1667 adult members, and 301 children, capable of reading, not furnished with a copy of the Holy Scriptures, beside a very large number of families who have only one copy of a small and indistinct school Bible."

It is to be hoped that we of the present day may prosecute the work of Bible distribution with vigor and zeal, even though the field of operations and nature of the work may somewhat vary from what they

were in the time of our fathers, the members of our own Religious Society being now generally supplied. If we be faithful in our day as they were in theirs, we will see to it that the operations of the Association are not hampered by the want of means, if the need should arise therefor.

Signed on behalf and by direction of the Managers.

WILLIAM BETTLE, *Secretary.*

Philadelphia, Eleventh Month 4th, 1879.

Summary of the Treasurer's account for the year 10th mo. 1st, 1878, to 10th mo. 1st, 1879.

RECEIPTS.

Balance 10th month 1st, 1878, - - - - - -	$531 78
Interest on Lehigh Navigation Loan, - - -	31 80
" " City Loan, - - - - - - -	210 00
" " Deposits, - - - - - - -	14 04
Rent of Real Estate, - - - - - - -	1,882 65
Amount received from Auxiliaries, - - - -	257 25
" " " Donations, - - - -	88 80
" " " Subscriptions, - - -	35 00
" " " Sale of Books, - - - -	156 55
	$3,207 87

PAYMENTS.

Paper and Printing, - - - - - - - -	$404 75
Binding, - - - - - - - - - - -	765 20
Salary of Agent and Incidental Expenses, - - -	637 63
Insurance, - - - - - - - - - -	27 00
Taxes, and Water Rent, - - - - - - -	406 95
Repairs to Real Estate, - - - - - - -	248 26
Balance on hand Tenth month 1st, 1879, - - -	718 08
	$3,207 87

The undersigned have examined the foregoing account, and compared the payments with the vouchers; we find them correct, and also certify that the balance in hand on Tenth month 1st, 1879, was seven hundred and eighteen $\frac{08}{100}$ dollars.

Committee. { EPHRAIM SMITH,
ELTON B. GIFFORD.

Philadelphia, Tenth Month 24th, 1879.

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6. How many members of our Society, capable of reading the Bible, do not own such a copy of the Holy Scriptures?

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* A full and explicit answer to this, with the other Queries, is particularly requested.

FORMS OF LEGACY.

1. *Form of a Bequest of Personal Estate.*

"I give and bequeath to A. B. and A. C. and the survivor of them, and the executors and administrators of such survivor, the sum of in trust for the use of an Institution in Philadelphia, known by the name of 'The Bible Association of Friends in America,' and to be paid by the said Trustees to the Treasurer for the time being of the said Institution."

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The Depository of the Bible Association is at No. 116 North Fourth street, a few doors above Arch street. Communications respecting the business of the Office may be addressed to John S. Stokes, Agent.

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Depository- No. 116 North Fourth Street, up stairs, Philada.

PRICES OF BIBLES AND TESTAMENTS.

	Size of Bible or Testament.	How Bound.	Price.
Reference Bible {With Family Record, Index, and Concordance,.....	8vo.	Sheep patent back	$2 00
do. do.	do.	do. flexible bk.	2 50
do. do.	do.	Calf do. "	3 50
do. do.	do.	Turkey gilt, ...	5 00
do. do.	do.	do. plain.....	4 25
Medium Bible	do.	Plain Sheep	1 25
School Bible.....	24mo.	do. do.	60
do.	do.	Sheep, flexible bk.	1 00
do.	do.	Calf, embossed...	1 75
do.	do.	do. do. & gilt	2 25
New Testament	24mo.	Muslin	20
do. Psalms.....	do.	do.	25
do.	do.	Skiver.....	25
do. Psalms.....	do.	do.	30
do.	12mo.	½ bound	35
do.	do.	Plain Sheep	40
do.	do.	Sheep, extra	60
Testament and Psalms, bound together	do.	Plain Sheep.....	50

THE

Fifty-First Annual Report

OF THE

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OF

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Read at the Annual Meeting, held on the evening of the Third of Eleventh Month, 1880.

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TO THE

BIBLE ASSOCIATION OF FRIENDS

IN AMERICA.

The Managers present the following Report for the year ending Ninth month 30th, 1880.

There have been delivered from the Depository 4109 volumes; consisting of 1819 Bibles, 1912 Testaments and Psalms, and 378 Testaments.

187 Bibles, 108 Testaments and Psalms, and 32 Testaments, have been sold to booksellers, or for cash, or delivered to subscribers; 211 Bibles, 108 Testaments and Psalms, and 68 Testaments, have been purchased by Auxiliaries; and there have been donated 1421 Bibles, 1696 Testaments and Psalms, and 278 Testaments.

This is an increase as compared with the number distributed during the previous twelve months, of 443 Bibles, 224 Testaments and Psalms, and a diminution of 131 Testaments; showing a net increase of 536 volumes.

The increase in the number of volumes sold is 123, in the number taken by Auxiliaries 106, and in the number donated 307.

There have been printed during the year 1050 Medium Bibles, 2000 School Bibles, 2000 Testaments and Psalms, 12mo., 1750 Testaments and Psalms, 18mo., and 500 Psalms.

The stock on hand as appears by report of the Agent, is as follows: viz.

Bound Volumes.

Reference Bibles, - - - - -	128
" " Minion, - - - -	2
Medium, " - - - - -	72
School, " - - - - -	351
Agate, " - - - - -	1
Testaments and Psalms, 12mo. - - -	47
" " " 18mo. - - -	538
Testaments, 12mo. - - - - -	57
" 18mo. - - - - -	176
" 32mo. - - - - -	94
	1466

In Sheets.

Reference Bibles, - - - - -	200
Medium " - - - - -	900
School " - - - - -	1100
Testaments and Psalms, 12mo. - - -	1400
" " " 18mo. - - -	1750
Testaments, 12mo. - - - - -	700
" 18mo. - - - - -	500
	6550

A number of typographical errors having been noticed in our Medium Bible, the stereotype plates were carefully examined and corrected before the printing of the last edition.

The Treasurer's account is submitted herewith, with a summary statement of receipts and disbursements.

The Agent reports the distribution during the year of 82 volumes to individuals, chiefly in our own vicinity, nearly all of whom were without any copy of the Holy Scriptures. We think there may be an opening for increased effort by our own members in this direction. Whilst care should be exercised not to bestow them where there is any reason to suppose that they would not be duly valued and properly made use of, it is our wish that no one within the sphere of our influence should be without a copy of the Holy Scriptures, because of inability to purchase it.

There has been an increase in the number of volumes takeu by the few Auxiliary associations still acting with us, and we would again express the desire that Friends in neighborhoods where there are no such associations, should bear the concern in mind, and see to it that any want of a copy of the Scriptures which they may find to exist among our own members may be promptly supplied.

But the largest part of our donations during the past year, as heretofore, has been to distant localities. 675 volumes have been given for the use of the Freed-

men in the Southern States; chiefly for the schools under the care of Friends Freedmen's Relief Association. 165 volumes to the colored refugees in Kansas. 85 to Indian children at the United States School for Indians, recently opened at Carlisle, Pa. 100 school Bibles to the White Girls Department of the House of Refuge of this city. Other recipients have been the Indian School at Tunesassa, a Modoc Bible school in the Indian Territory, a hospital in New Jersey, and other Bible schools and Missionary agencies.

We have been enabled to supply some of the more destitute neighborhoods of our own Society, and to some of the benevolent enterprises under the direction of Friends, and those associated with them, our aid has been of material benefit.

A friend to whose care we sent a box of Bibles and Testaments, for the use of Chalk Mound, Mo., Meeting of Friends in Kansas, writes: "We could not for some weeks, perhaps a month or more, raise means to pay the freight. You cannot, I presume, imagine how difficult it is to raise a little money among the homestead settlers. The Bibles were gratefully received, and a number of destitute families supplied." First month 1st, 1880.

A Correspondent at Maysville, South Carolina, remitting five dollars, on account of a donation made him some months before, writes: "You will be gratified to know the Bibles donated to my field of labor among the Freedmen, have been largely distributed to those

persons and families without the Scriptures. For these I have received five dollars, all the recipients being willing to pay something." Second month 24th, 1880.

The late Superintendent of Schools under the care of Friends' Freedmen's Association of this city, referring to the receipt of a box containing a supply of Bibles and Testaments, together with Tracts, &c. writes: "Its contents are heartily welcomed, for we see much need, and have many calls for such, not only at our own schools and in their immediate vicinity, but at various other points where our Bible and Tract Repository has been heard of through our pupils, or other sources of information. Pupils from all our schools who go elsewhere and teach are apt to send back for a supply of these. They sometimes say they know of no other source to apply to than to us. I think we may be thankful that such a door is being opened to us for sending the Bible into the dark corners of the land, where the people scarcely yet know that they are free men and women. The love of the Bible is almost marvelous with them, and they hail it as a precious treasure, beyond the price of rubies." Third month 24th, 1880.

Other acknowledgements have been received from various quarters, which it appears unnecessay to quote.

The area of distribution has comprised Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland,

Virginia, North and South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Tennessee, Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, Missouri, Iowa, Kansas, and the Indian Territory; and to Liberia, Africa, 36 copies have been sent in charge of a young woman, who under a sense of religious duty, has gone thither as a missionary.

Conscious of weakness, and apprehensive that the concern has not attained in our hands, that degree of efficiency which is desirable, we are yet confirmed in the belief that there is a proper place for us in the good work of disseminating the Holy Scriptures, and that it is of much importance that this Association should be cordially sustained, and be conducted with increasing energy and zeal.

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Philadelphia, Tenth Month 18*th*, 1880.

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Insurance, - - - - - - - - - -	27 00
Taxes, and Water Rent, - - - - - - -	399 24
Balance on hand Tenth month 1st, 1880, - - -	64 15
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HENRY HAINES, *Treas.*

The undersigned having examined the above account, and compared the payments with the vouchers; we find them correct, and also certify that the balance in hand on Tenth month 1st, 1880, was sixty four $\frac{15}{100}$ dollars.

Committee. { EDWARD L. SCULL,
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THE

Fifty-Second Annual Report

OF THE

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OF

FRIENDS IN AMERICA.

Read at the Annual Meeting, held on the evening of the Second of Eleventh Month, 1881.

PHILADELPHIA:

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1881.

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TO THE

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THE Managers present their Report for the year ending Ninth month 30th, 1881.

The sale and distribution of the Scriptures have been less than usual with us this year, amounting in all to only thirty-one hundred and twenty-two volumes: of which twenty-one hundred and seventy-eight were donated. Two hundred and twenty-eight were furnished to Auxiliaries; and seven hundred and sixteen sold to sundry persons; among the last number were ninety-three Testaments of the Revised Version. These have been distributed in eighteen States and one Territory, and consist of 1527 Bibles, 1400 Testaments and Psalms, and 195 Testaments.

One hundred and nine volumes were furnished to Agents for donation in their respective localities; 104 Bibles and Testaments were sent to Indians residing principally in the State of New York.

A few Auxiliaries, though not so organized as to come under our rules and report their proceedings, are efficient helpers in distant parts.

The stock of printed sheets on hand one year ago being larger than usual we have not yet made any addition to them, though some are now in the printer's hands.

There have been bound during the year
100 Large Reference Bibles,
300 Medium,
1100 School,
1250 Testaments and Psalms,
500 Testaments.
The stock at this time consists of bound volumes,
188 Reference Bibles,
115 Medium,
245 School,
547 Testaments and Psalms,
521 Testaments of 3 sizes,
11 " New Revision,
and in printed volumes not bound,
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By reference to our Treasurer's account it will be seen that he has received a legacy of two thousand dollars from our late Friend, Elizabeth Waln Wistar, the interest from which will be added to our yearly income. The cash balance on hand is larger than last year, but it will all be required to pay for paper, and printing now being done to keep a sufficient supply on hand. Though our work is comparatively small, it

is as large as the funds at our disposal have warranted. If any interested in the cause, will by donation or bequest aid to increase the funds, it will be our concern to see them faithfully applied to the objects designated.

Since issuing our last report the Revision of the Version of the New Testament heretofore used by us in common with Protestant Christians generally, has been completed by the committee of learned men charged with the work in England and America. Various publication houses in both countries have issued editions of the new work. The Revisers have given their indorsement to that printed by the University presses of Oxford and Cambridge, England. Our Association keeps copies of the Revised Version in various styles for sale at the Depository.

Respecting the merits of the changes made in the former text by the Revisers, it is not necessary for us to make much comment, as it is a question mainly of Greek Scholarship and of critical knowledge of ancient manuscripts of the New Testament.

It is however a cause of profound satisfaction to find that the exhaustive labors of twenty-seven men selected by a competent body as those peculiarly qualified for the work, after ten years of attention to the subject, have shown that no radical error of doctrine or practice has been taught by the Old Version of Sixteen hundred and Eleven.

The changes introduced by the Revisers are seldom important; and such as are so in some instances tend to confirm the translation advocated by Robert Barclay and other early Friends; and favor the Spiritual views held by our Society in certain points of doctrine.

We do not feel that the time has yet arrived for our Association to print an edition of the Revised Version on our own account.

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In the rise of this Association the main object was to furnish Bibles and Testaments for the use of families of Friends. This is continued so far as we find any without copies, whether in families, or single individuals.

But this demand has been pretty fully supplied; and we are now giving largely for the use of first-day and other schools to benefit the young and rising generation.

May we not reasonably entertain the hope, that while some of this seed sowing may prove to be as by the way side, and some on dry and barren places, that much of the seed will find congenial soil and bring forth fruit to the praise and honor of the great Husbandman; that it may be said to them in years

to come as it was said to Timothy; "Evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived. But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them, and that from a child thou hast known the Holy Scriptures which are able to make thee wise unto salvation, through faith which is in Christ Jesus."

Signed on behalf and by direction of the Managers.

WILLIAM BETTLE, *Secretary.*

Philadelphia, Tenth Month, 24th, 1881.

Summary of the Treasurer's account for the year 10th mo. 1st, 1880, to 10th mo. 1st, 1881.

RECEIPTS.

Balance 10th month 1st, 1880, - - - - - -	$64 15
Legacy from Elizabeth W. Wistar, - - - -	2,000 00
Interest on Lehigh Navigation Loan, - - - -	31 80
" " City Loan, - - - - - - -	210 00
" " Deposits, - - - - - - - -	19 31
Rent of Real Estate, - - - - - - -	1,660 00
Amount received from Auxiliaries, - - - -	171 24
" " " Donations, - - - -	137 17
" " " Subscriptions, - - - -	102 00
" " " Sale of Books, - - -	386 75
	$4,782 42

PAYMENTS.

Binding, - - - - - - - - -	$813 50	
Salary of Agent and Incidental Expenses,	654 03	
Insurance, - - - - - - - - -	81 00	
Taxes, and Water Rent, - - - - -	398 69	
Repairs to Real Estate, - - - - -	83 75	
Balance Tenth month 1st, 1881, - -	2,751 45	
		4,782 42

The undersigned having examined the above account, and compared the payments with the vouchers, we find them correct, and certify that the balance in hand on Tenth month 1st, 1881, was two thousand seven hundred and fifty-one $\frac{45}{100}$ dollars.

JNO. W. BIDDLE, } *Committee.*
AMBROSE SMITH, }

Philadelphia, Tenth Month 8th, 1881.

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RULES.

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ceedings during the preceding year, be prepared and forwarded to the Secretary of the Bible Association of Friends in America; to attend the Annual Meeting of which, delegates may be appointed.

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6. How many members of our Society, capable of reading the Bible, do not own such a copy of the Holy Scriptures?

7. How many Bibles and Testaments may probably be disposed of by sale within your limits?

8. Is the income of the Auxiliary sufficient to supply those within its limits who are not duly furnished with the Holy Scriptures?

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TO THE

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During that time there have been printed 1,000 Reference Bibles, 2,000 School Bibles, and 2,150 Testament and Psalms, making in all 5,150 volumes.

The distribution for the year has been 3,471 volumes of all kinds, classified as follows: Reference Bibles, 239, Medium Bibles, 272, School Bibles, 1,187, Testament and Psalms, 1,597, and 176 Testaments. Of these 1,381 were sold, and 2,090 were donated. About one-fifth of the whole number, 694, were taken by persons in the city. The States of Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware, which comprise the limits of our Yearly Meeting, represent 606 volumes. The remainder were distributed over twenty other states and territories, those localities where Friends have settled, using the greater part of them. Florida, however, has had 48 Bibles and 161 Testament and Psalms.

In the promotion of this work we have yet the aid of some Auxiliaries, they having taken 551 volumes for use in their respective neighborhoods. Friends acting as agents in this Yearly Meeting have received 146 volumes, while about 158 have been distributed by Friends and occasionally by others who have applied to our Agent for objects known to be suitable, through orders of the Committee on Distribution. The Committee on Correspondence donate to applicants outside of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting.

By reference to our last report, it appears that the distribution for this year exceeds that of the former by 349 volumes. Auxiliaries have taken 323 more, and 114 more have been sold, while the donations are 88 less. The increase in sales is attributable to the fact that the 100 Bibles and 368 Testament and Psalms which were sent to the Friends having oversight of the colored refugees from the south, who fled with their families in large numbers and great poverty to Kansas and other Western States, were paid for by the Trustees of the fund left to the Association by our late friend John Livezey, the income from which was directed by his will to be applied to the purchase of our publications for distribution among the Freedmen. From this source we may expect in future years, as in this, to receive the cost of many volumes which would otherwise have been donated.

A few copies of the Scriptures have been given to the chief and heads of the Modoc tribe of Indians, who have lately embraced the Christian religion, and

have endeavored to live conformably to the teachings of our Lord and Saviour. They seem, in some cases, literally to have comprehended and obeyed the words spoken by the prophet Isaiah :—"They shall beat their swords into plow-shares and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more." Some also have been donated to the Cherokee Nation in the Indian Territory for use among the prisoners there.

Our Treasurer, Henry Haines, has invested the $2,000 legacy left by our late friend Elizabeth Waln Wister, (referred to in last years' report) in Bond and Mortgage Security. There remains in his hands due the Association a balance of $191 04. A summary of his account accompanies this Report.

The following is a statement of stock on hand. Bound volumes, 160 Reference Bibles, 135 Medium Bibles, 205 School Bibles, 336 Testament and Psalms, 12mo., 334 Testament and Psalms, 18mo., 118 Testaments 12mo., 250 18mo., 26 32mo.

Unbound volumes in sheets; 900 Reference Bibles, 500 Medium, 900 School, 1,850 Testament and Psalms 12 mo., 400 18 mo., 600 Testaments 12 mo., 100 18 mo.

From the reports presented at the meeting of the Managers by John S. Stokes, who has so acceptably acted as our Agent for many years, we find that there are many seeking ones who desire to read of the won-

drous love of our Father in Heaven and of His Son who gave Himself for us that through Him we might have Eternal Life and be made heirs of His Salvation. And when we consider the great blessing the Holy Scriptures may be to such, should we not feel encouraged in this work, and go steadily forward, doing what lies in our power to supply those in need around us.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Board of Managers,

EPHRAIM SMITH,

Secretary for the day.

Philadelphia, Tenth Month, 23d, 1882.

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Amount received from Auxiliaries, - - - - -	40 05
" " " Donations, - - - -	270 85
" " " Sale of Books, - - -	340 55
Rent of Real Estate, - - - - - - - -	1,660 00
	$5,407 39

PAYMENTS.

Paper and Printing, - - - -	$2,123 55	
Salary of Agent and Incidental Expenses,	654 49	
Taxes, and Water Rent, - - - -	389 22	
Book Bought, - - - - - - -	49 09	
Invested in Bond and Mortgage, - -	2,000 00	
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1. What number of families or individuals have been gratuitously furnished with the Holy Scriptures by the Auxiliary during the past year?

2. What number of Bibles and Testaments have been sold by the Auxiliary, within the past year?

3. How many members, male and female, are there belonging to the Auxiliary?

4. What number of families of Friends reside within its limits?

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6. How many members of our Society, capable of reading the Bible, do not own such a copy of the Holy Scriptures?

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Sixth Month 2d, 1879.

Reference Bibles, 8 vo. with Family Record, Index and Concordance.	Turkey Morocco, Gilt Edges,	$4 00
	do. do. Sprinkled Edges,	3 50
	Calf, Marbled Edges,	3 00
	Sheep, plain, do.	1 75
Medium Bibles	do. do. do.	1 00
School do.	do. do. do.	50
Testament and Psalms,	12 mo. sheep,	40
	18 do. cloth,	20
Testaments,	12 mo. half sheep,	30
	18 do. cloth,	15

THE

Fifty-Fourth Annual Report

OF THE

BIBLE ASSOCIATION

OF

FRIENDS IN AMERICA.

Read at the Annual Meeting, held on the evening of the Seventh of Eleventh Month, 1883.

PHILADELPHIA:

PRINTED BY WILLIAM K. BELLOWS,

S. W. corner Fourth and Apple Tree Streets.

1883.

OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

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HENRY HAINES, Treasurer.

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SAMUEL ALLEN,
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EDWARD MARIS, M. D.
BENJAMIN HOOPES.

TO THE

BIBLE ASSOCIATION OF FRIENDS

IN AMERICA.

THE Managers present the following Report for the year ending Ninth month 30th, 1883.

There have been distributed during the year 3,105 volumes, comprising 94 Reference Bibles, 221 Medium Bibles, 1,236 School Bibles, 1,519 Testaments and Psalms, and 35 Testaments.

The distribution within the limits of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting numbered 1,043 volumes, the remaining 2,062 volumes have been distributed in 18 different States, the Indian Territory, the District of Columbia and Canada.

Friends acting as agents have received and distributed 191 volumes, and 452 volumes have been taken by one of our Auxiliary Associations.

1,062 volumes have been sold for cash, 452 taken by Auxiliaries and 1,591 donated.

The Trustees of the fund left by our late friend John Livezey, have taken for distribution among colored people and paid for out of the income of the fund 833 volumes of Testaments and Psalms.

During the year there have been printed 4,000 volumes, viz.

2,000 School Bibles.

2,000 Testament and Psalms, 18 mo.

The following is a statement of stock on hand, viz.

Bound Volumes.

Reference Bibles, - - - - -	161
" " Minion, - - -	1
Medium " - - - - - -	92
School " - - - - - -	392
Testaments and Psalms, 12 mo. - - -	320
" " " 18 mo. - - -	462
Testaments, - - 12 mo. - -	70
" - - 18 mo. - -	240
" - - 32 mo. - -	7
" - - 8 vo. - -	1
	1,746

In Sheets.

Reference Bibles, - - - - -	790
Medium " - - - - -	100
School " - - - - -	1,500
Testaments and Psalms, 12 mo. - -	1,000
" " " 18 mo. - -	1,500
Testaments, - - 12 mo. - -	600
" - - 18 mo. - -	200
	5,690

So far as our experience indicates, the Revised is not at all superseding the Old Version of the New Testament. It is welcomed as a very interesting and valuable auxiliary, by comparison with which the meaning of an occasional passage may be more clearly understood, but its introduction does not diminish in any respect the use of the old translation.

By an order from the Philadelphia Auxiliary, each of the wards of the Hospital connected with the Nurses' Home of this city, has been supplied with Bibles, and copies of the Testament and Psalms have been placed in the private rooms of this Institution. At the request of a Friend connected with the Cookman Institute, Jacksonville, Florida, we have furnished 24 Bibles and 144 Testaments and Psalms, for the use of colored people in that vicinity. One hundred Testaments and Psalms were furnished on this account to a Friend at Helena, Arkansas, who says "Thousands have no Bibles, nor any part of it."* Friends leaving the city for their vacation frequently find opportunity for judicious distribution in the new neighborhoods where they are sojourning for a season, and we have supplied copies for this purpose to Friends who have applied for them.

In reviewing the proceedings of the past year, we feel, notwithstanding the comparatively small scale of our operations, that our share in the work of circula-

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* In both of the above cases, the Testaments and Psalms were paid for from the income of the John Livezey fund.

ting the Holy Scriptures is an important one. Evidence is frequently afforded in the letters and reports received from various sections of our extended country, which shows that this is especially the case in supplying the needs of some remote and destitute localities which would not have been reached but for our humble and persistent efforts. And we desire that the members of our Association and Friends generally, may retain their interest in this work and endeavor in their several neighborhoods and elsewhere, to promote and extend it, as opportunity may be afforded.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Board of Managers.

JOHN W. BIDDLE, *Secretary.*

Philadelphia, Tenth Month 30th, 1883.

Summary of the Treasurer's account for the year 10th mo. 1st, 1882, to 10th mo. 1st, 1883.

RECEIPTS.

Balance 10th month 1st, 1882, - - - - - -	$191 04
Interest on Lehigh Navigation Loan, - - - - -	29 68
" " City of Philadelphia " - - - - -	210 00
" " Mortgage Loan, - - - - - - -	100 00
" " Deposits, - - - - - - - - -	10 11
Amount received from Auxiliaries, - - - - - -	124 47
" " " Donations, - - - - -	220 60
" " " Sale of Books, - - - -	409 30
Rent of Real Estate, - - - - - - - -	1,660 00
	$2,955 20

PAYMENTS.

Paper and Printing, - - - - -	$918 16	
Binding, - - - - - - - -	570 67	
Salary of Agent and Incidental Expenses,	643 89	
Taxes and Water Rent, - - - -	381 22	
Fire Escape and Repairs to Real Estate, -	155 00	
Balance Tenth month 1st, 1883, - -	286 26	
		$2,955 20

The undersigned have examined the above accounts and compared the payments with the vouchers, and find them to agree; and also certify that the balance on hand at the date specified above, was two hundred and eighty-six $\frac{26}{100}$ dollars.

CALEB WOOD, *Committee.*

Philadelphia, Tenth Month 27th, 1883.

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All the Officers of the Association shall be *ex-officio* members of the Board of Managers; and seven members shall constitute a quorum.

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The Annual Meetings of the Association shall be held in Philadelphia, on the evening of the first fourth-day in the Eleventh month, at which time the Officers shall be appointed.

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1884.

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HENRY HAINES, Treasurer.

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S. MASON McCOLLIN, M. D.

TO THE

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IN AMERICA.

THE Managers present the following Report for the year ending Ninth-month 30th, 1884.

There have been printed during the year 1150 Medium Bibles. The stock of Testament and Psalms it is intended soon to replenish, when the stereotype plates shall have undergone some needed revision and repairs.

The distribution has been 3,001 volumes, as follows; viz: of Reference Bibles 122, of Medium Bibles 239, of School Bibles 1,123, of Testament and Psalms 1,445, and of Testaments 72. Of the whole amount, 776 volumes were sold, 327 taken by Auxiliaries, and 1,898 donated.

503 volumes were received by persons in the City of Philadelphia, and 501 elsewhere in the States of Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware, within the estimated limits of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting. The remainder were distributed over nineteen other

States and Territories, except one volume to England, and twenty four copies of the Bible to oyster craft and other coasting vessels.

Included among the sales are 634 copies of the Testament and Psalms, paid for by the Trustees of the fund left by our friend John Livezey for distribution among colored people in the South; and among the donations are 141 volumes distributed by Friends acting as agents, principally within the limits of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting. Outside of those limits applications for donation may be made to the Committee on Correspondence.

From the foregoing statement it would appear that while there is an increase of 307 in donations over those of last year, the whole circulation is still declining. There has been however some unfinished distribution which it was thought would more conveniently fall in next year's Report; and of the real decline a part at least seems due to the competing and superseding influence of cheaper and less serviceable issues.

As will appear from the Report of our Treasurer, he has received from the Executors of our late friend Hannah W. Richardson the amount of $1,010 00, being the proceeds, with interest, of a legacy from her for the purposes of the Association. We are also notified of a like amount bequeathed by our late esteemed co-laborer, James Bromley.

The stock on hand is as follows. Of bound volumes there are 129 Reference Bibles, 1 Minion Bible, 45 Medium Bibles, 269 School Bibles, 266 Testament and Psalms 12 mo., 322 do. 18 mo., 55 Testaments 12 mo., 200 do. 18 mo., 9 do. 32 mo. (4 revised version,) and 1, 8 vo. Revised Version. Total bound 1,305. In sheets there are 700 Reference Bibles, 1,000 Medium do., 500 School do., 200 Testament and Psalms 12 mo., 1,000 do. 18 mo., 600 Testaments 12 mo., and 200 do. 18 mo. —Total amount unbound 4,200.

Notwithstanding the apparent or temporary decline before noted, we believe there is an ample field and an urgent call for the continuance of our systematic effort in the circulation of these memorials of Divine truth to the extent of our limited means.

We have still to acknowledge the valued services of our friend John S. Stokes as General Agent. We subjoin in conclusion an interesting extract from a letter lately addressed to him by a Friend who has long held, though now relinquishing, an Auxiliary Agency in one of the Western States. He says: "The "American Bible Association of Friends has been a "great blessing in the work and to the workers. I "have been associated in the work over forty years.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Board of Managers.

JOHN W. BIDDLE, *Secretary.*

Philadelphia, Tenth Month 30th, 1884.

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RECEIPTS.

Cash Balance 10th month 1st, 1883, - - - -	$286 26
Interest on Lehigh Coal and Navigation Loan, - - -	38 95
" " Philadelphia City Loan, - - - -	210 00
" " Bank Deposits, - - - - - -	23 49
" " Mortgage Loan, - - - - - - -	100 00
Rent of Real Estate, - - - - - -	1,660 00
Amount from Auxiliaries, - - - - - -	202 26
" " Donations, - - - - - -	106 65
" " Annual Subscriptions, - - - -	60 00
" " Sale of Books, - - - - -	371 45
Bequest from Hannah W. Richardson, - - -	1,010 00
	$4,069 06

PAYMENTS.

Paper and Printing, - - - -	$407 92	
Salary of Agent and Incidental Expenses,	695 98	
Taxes and Water Rent, - - -	372 78	
Binding, - - - - - - -	787 00	
Balance Tenth month 1st, 1884, - -	1,805 38	
		$4,069 06

The undersigned having examined the above account and compared the payments with the vouchers, we find them correct; and certify that the balance in hand 10th month 1st, 1884, was eighteen hundred and five and $\frac{38}{100}$ dollars.

CALEB WOOD,
JOSEPH ELKINTON, } *Committee.*

Philadelphia, Tenth Month 20*th*, 1884.

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Rules for the government of the Auxiliary Associations.

The objects and Constitution of the Bible Association of Friends in America, having the approbation of this meeting, it is agreed, that a Society be now formed under the following rules, to be called the "——— Auxiliary Bible Association of Friends," for the purpose of supplying Friends and others, in this vicinity, with the Holy Scriptures, encouraging the frequent and serious perusal of them, and promoting a more accurate knowledge of their invaluable contents; also, of co-operating with the Bible Association of Friends in America, in furthering their important objects in other places.

RULES.

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1. What number of families or individuals have been gratuitously furnished with the Holy Scriptures by the Auxiliary during the past year?

2. What number of Bibles and Testaments have been sold by the Auxiliary, within the past year?

3. How many members, male and female, are there belonging to the Auxiliary?

4. What number of families of Friends reside within its limits?

5. Are there any families of Friends within your limits not supplied with a copy of the Holy Scriptures in good clear type, and on fair paper; if so, how many?

6. How many members of our Society, capable of reading the Bible, do not own such a copy of the Holy Scriptures?

7. How many Bibles and Testaments may probably be disposed of by sale within your limits?

8. Is the income of the Auxiliary sufficient to supply those within its limits who are not duly furnished with the Holy Scriptures?

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10. What number would be required in order to furnish each member of our religious Society, capable of reading, who is destitute of a copy, and unable to purchase it?

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Fifty-Sixth Annual Report

OF THE

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1885.

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The Managers present the following Report for the year ending Ninth Month 30th, 1885.

There have been printed during the year, 2000 School Bibles; 2000 large and 2000 small Testament and Psalms; and 600 large Psalms; making a total of 6600 volumes.

The distribution has been 4013 volumes, as follows; viz: of Reference Bibles 106; of Medium Bibles 311; of School Bibles 1460; of Testament and Psalms 2055 and of Testaments 81. Of the whole amount, 863 volumes were sold, 271 taken by our auxiliary, and 2879 donated.

659 volumes were received by persons in the city of Philadelphia; 663 elsewhere in the states of Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware, within the limits of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting; and 112 volumes to the Island of Jamaica. The remainder were distributed over twenty states not previously mentioned.

Included in the sales are 817 copies of the Testament and Psalms, paid for by the Trustees of the fund left by our friend John Livezey for distribution among colored people in the south; and among the donations are 147 Bibles and 10 Testaments and Psalms making a total of 157 volumes distributed by Friends acting as agents, principally outside the limits of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting. Nearly all of our auxiliaries of former years having ceased to operate in that capacity, these agents furnish the oversight requisite to enable us to intelligently supply the needs of their respective neighborhoods.

By comparison with the statement made to the Association last year, it appears that there has been an increase in the distribution the present year, of 1012 volumes.

The stock on hand is as follows. Of bound volumes there are 114 Reference Bibles, 1 Minion Bible, 134 Medium Bibles, 519 School Bibles, 662 Testament and Psalms, 12mo., 475 do. 18mo., 55 Testaments, 12mo., 120 do. 18mo., old version, and 4 Testaments 32mo and 1, 8mo., revised version. Total bound 2085. In sheets there are 600 Reference Bibles, 600 Medium do., 800 School do., 1200 Testament and Psalms, 12mo., 2000 do. 18mo., and 200 Testaments, 18mo. Total unbound, 5400.

By letters received from different quarters it appears that a number of Bibles and Testaments from our Depositary have been distributed in Schools and

Hospitals, and among men engaged on canal boats and in shipping. These are fields which it is well for us to remember as we look around to see where to hand out the Scriptures of Truth. We believe that where Friends are alive to the importance of the subject, they will not unfrequently find individuals who do not possess the Sacred Record, and who will gladly accept a copy, which under the quickening influence of the Holy Spirit, may be made a means of blessing to the receiver. And should we not esteem it a privilege as well as a duty thus to be made instruments in turning the minds of individuals to that which is able to make them wise unto salvation, through faith which is in Christ Jesus?

The Managers would suggest to the Association the propriety of an examination of the Rules for the government of Auxiliary Associations, with the view of deciding whether some change therein might with advantage be made.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Board of Managers.

JNO. W. BIDDLE, *Secretary.*

Philadelphia, Tenth Month 26th, 1885.

Summary of the Treasurer's account for the year 10th mo. 1st, 1884, to 10th mo. 1st, 1885.

RECEIPTS.

Cash Balance 10th month 1st, 1884, - - - -	$1,805 38
Interest on Lehigh Coal and Navigation Loan, - - -	11 92
" " City Loan, - - - - - - -	210 00
" " Deposits, . - - - - - - -	32 69
" " Mortgage, - - - - - - - -	100 00
Rents of Real Estate, - - - - - - -	1,535 00
Received for Party Wall, - - - - - - -	74 48
" from Auxiliaries, - - - - - - -	176 70
" " Donations, - - - - - - -	108 18
" " Sale of Books, - - - - - - -	302 00
	$4,356 35

PAYMENTS.

Paper, Printing, &c., - - - - -	$1,383 82	
Binding, - - - - - - -	708 80	
Taxes and Water Rent, - - - -	372 11	
Salary of Agent and Incidental Expenses,	662 63	
Temporary Loan, - - - - - -	1,000 00	
Cash Balance 10th mo. 1st, 1885, -	228 99	
		$4,356 35

The undersigned having examined the above account and compared the payments with the vouchers, we find them correct; and certify that the balance in hand 10th month 1st, 1885, was two hundred and twenty-eight and $\frac{99}{100}$ dollars.

GEO. VAUX,
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were disposed of in many other states of the Union, chiefly in the South and West.

From our Treasurers' Report it will be seen that he has received a legacy of one thousand dollars from the executors of the estate of our late friend and former colleague, James Bromley, dec'd.

The last Annual Meeting of the Association having authorized the Managers either to abolish or to alter and revise the rules governing Auxiliary Associations, the subject has claimed the careful consideration of the Board. Whilst there is now only one Auxiliary Association in operation in connection with the parent Association—that of Philadelphia Quarterly Meeting, and it does not seem probable that new ones will be formed in the future to any extent, yet it is deemed desirable to encourage the formation of such when Friends may wish to do so. The Board has therefore revised and simplified the Rules for the government of Auxiliaries instead of abolishing them, a schedule of which amended rules is annexed to this report.

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EDW'D MARIS,
Secretary pro tem.

Philadelphia, Eleventh Month 3rd, 1886.

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RECEIPTS.

Balance 10th month 1st, 1885,	$228 99
Interest on Lehigh Coal and Navigation Loan,	17 88
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Rent of Real Estate,	1,785 00
Received for Party Wall,	111 94
Amount from Auxiliaries,	144 00
" " Donations,	48 27
" " Sale of Books,	712 75
Bequest from James Bromley,	1,000 00
	$4,425 41

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Binding,	1,170 40	
Taxes and Water Rent,	375 48	
Repairs to Real Estate and Insurance,	222 17	
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Temporary Loan,	1,000 00	
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Any member of the Bible Association residing in this district shall be considered a member of this Auxiliary, with such other persons professing the religious faith of Friends, as are interested in the judicious circulation and reading of the Sacred Scriptures, and who shall agree to become members of this Association by signing these rules and attending its meetings.

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The Auxiliary to make rules for its own government, subject to the approval of the Managers of the Parent Association, and in harmony with its objects and rules.

RULE III.

All the money received for the sale of Bibles, Testaments, &c., shall be transmitted to the Agent of the Parent Association, together with such contributions and collections as they may be able to make; with a report of their work, in the Ninth month of each year: with such other matter and information relative to the subjects as they deem of importance or interest to the Managers.

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	Calf, Marbled Edges,	3 00
	Sheep, plain, do.	1 75
Medium Bibles,	do. do. do.	1 00
School do.	do. do. do.	50
Testament and Psalms,	12 mo. sheep,	40
	18 do. cloth,	20
Testaments,	12 mo. half sheep,	30
	18 do. cloth,	15

THE

Fifty-Eighth Annual Report

OF THE

BIBLE ASSOCIATION

OF

FRIENDS IN AMERICA.

Read at the Annual Meeting, held on the evening of the Second of Eleventh Month, 1887.

PHILADELPHIA:

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S. W. corner Fourth and Apple Tree Streets.

1887.

OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

EPHRAIM SMITH, Secretary.

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Who are authorized to draw upon our Agent, John S. Stokes, No. 116 North Fourth Street, for copies of the Scriptures and for further information in connection with their distribution.

On behalf the Committee,

MARK BALDERSTON.

Philadelphia, 12*th mo.* 4, 1887.

TO THE

BIBLE ASSOCIATION OF FRIENDS

IN AMERICA.

THE Managers present their fifty-eighth Annual Report, being for the year ending Ninth month 30th, 1887.

There have been printed during the year 2,000 School Bibles, and 2,000 small Testaments and Psalms.

The total distribution during the year has been 4,573 volumes, classified as 2,124 Bibles, 85 Testaments, and 2,364 Testaments and Psalms. Of this aggregate, 833 volumes were sold; 189 were taken by the Philadelphia Auxiliary Association, and 3,551 were donated to individuals, schools, &c. The sales include 742 Testaments and Psalms purchased by the Trustees of the John Livezey Fund, to be disposed of among the Colored people of the South; and 265 volumes were circulated by Agents, of which 127 were Bibles, and 138 Testaments and Psalms.

The distribution in the States of Pennsylvania and New Jersey has been 1,092 volumes, and of the re-

mainder, 3,453 were disposed of in nineteen other States of the Union and one Territory, 22 were sent to the island of Jamaica, and 6 volumes were donated to sailors for use on ship-board.

The above figures show a diminution of 223 in our total circulation of volumes, as compared with last year; but this small decrease is much more than accounted for by a falling off of 1,273 Testaments and Psalms in the distribution through the Livezey Fund; so that the general circulation of the Scriptures by the Association may be said to show a large increase for the past year.

There continues to be but one local Auxiliary Association, namely, that of Philadelphia, to represent the more than fifty of such organizations that at one time* existed over the United States and in Canada. But interested Friends are found to act individually as local Agents in different sections of the country; and we believe that our experience may well encourage many others to devote a share of their time and means to the good work of making common the most precious of books. The field is a growing one, and there seems an especial fitness that the members of a Church which has been raised up as the pioneer exponent, in its day, of a spiritual faith, should thus testify their assurance that the most spiritual faith is also the most scriptural one.

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* In 1858.

Since last year the interesting little collection of Bibles and Biblical literature belonging to the Association has been removed, for greater safety and accessibility to the Friends' New Library Building on Sixteenth Street below Race Street. Some of the volumes are very valuable for their rarity and beauty, as well as for serving as mementoes of the pious zeal of past generations, into whose labors we have desired to enter.

Signed by direction of the Board of Managers.

JOSEPH ELKINTON,

Secretary.

Philadelphia, 10 *mo.* 25*th*, 1887.

Summary of the Treasurer's account for the year 10th mo. 1st, 1886, to 10th mo. 1st, 1887.

RECEIPTS.

Balance 10th month 1st, 1886, - - - - - -	$376 71
Interest on Lehigh Coal and Navigation Loan, - - -	29 80
" " Philadelphia City Loan, - - - - -	210 00
" " Deposit in Bank, - - - - - - -	9 68
" " Mortgage and temporary Loan, - - -	200 00
Amount from an Auxiliary, - - - - - - -	201 46
" " Donations and contributions, - - -	77 86
" " Sale of Books, - - - - - - -	398 80
Rent of Real Estate, - - - - - - - -	1,885 00
	$3,389 31

PAYMENTS.

Paper, Printing, &c., - - - - - - - -	$875 32
Binding, - - - - - - - - - - -	991 00
Tax and Water Rent, - - - - - - - -	374 87
Salary of Agent and Incidental Expenses, - - -	694 56
Repairs to Real Estate, - - - - - - - -	278 86
Cash Balance 10th mo. 1st, 1887, - - - - -	174 70
	$3.389 31

We have examined the above account, and compared the payments with the vouchers, and find it correct, and certify the balance in hand Tenth month 1st, 1887, was one hundred and seventy-four $\frac{70}{100}$ dollars.

WM. C. ALLEN, } *Committee.*
WM. HESTON, }

Philadelphia, Tenth Month 18th, 1887.

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Such members of the Religious Society of Friends, as may form themselves into Bible Associations, under the rules recommended by this Association, shall be considered as Auxiliaries, and entitled to privileges hereinafter provided.

ARTICLE XII.

The full amount paid by Auxiliary Societies to the Treasurer of this Association, shall be returned to them, if demanded within the current year, in Bibles and Testaments, at the lowest prices, subject to the regulations which may be established by the Managers; but all sums not so demanded, shall remain at the disposal of this Association, to aid in promoting its general objects. Auxiliary Societies complying with these regulations, shall be entitled to send delegates to attend the Annual Meetings of the Bible Association.

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Every person paying to the Treasurer of an Auxiliary Society, the sum of Twenty dollars at one time, or two dollars annually, and being a member of the Religious Society of Friends, shall, on producing a receipt for such payment, be entitled to the privileges of membership in this Association.

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The Annual Meetings of the Association shall be held in Philadelphia, on the evening of the first fourth-day in the Eleventh month, at which time the Officers shall be appointed.

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No alteration shall be made in this Constitution, but at an Annual Meeting, and with the consent of two-thirds of the members present.

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All monies received by the Auxiliaries from the sales of Bibles, Testaments, &c., or from donations or subscriptions, shall be used in accordance with, and for the promotion of the objects of their Association as set forth in the Preamble to these Rules: And all such monies not expended directly by the Auxiliary shall be paid, on or before the 30th day Ninth month of each year, to the Agent of the Parent Association. Reports of their work shall also be forwarded to him as early in the Tenth month as practicable, with such other matter and information as they may deem of importance or interest to the Managers thereof.

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THE

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1888.

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EDWARD MARIS, M. D., 1106 Pine Street.
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WILLIAM HESTON, Frankford.
JOSEPH ELKINTON, 238 South Seventh Street.
WILLIAM C. ALLEN, Moorestown, New Jersey.
S. MASON McCOLLIN, M. D., 1823 Arch Street.
EDWARD SHARPLESS, 304 Arch Street.

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On behalf the Committee,

MARK BALDERSTON.

Philadelphia, 12*th mo.* 4, 1887.

TO THE

BIBLE ASSOCIATION OF FRIENDS

IN AMERICA.

THE Managers report that for the year ending 9th month 30th, 1888, there were issued from the Depository 2119 Bibles; 2495 Testament and Psalms and 72 Testaments; making a total for the year of 4686 volumes, which is 113 in excess of the previous years distribution; and rather above the average for several years past.

The number of volumes sold was 1067, which includes 1021 Testament and Psalms purchased by the Trustees of the John Livezey Fund, to be disposed of among the colored people of the South. There were taken by the Philadelphia Auxiliary Association, 328 volumes, and 3291 were donated to individuals, schools, &c.; 537 volumes were furnished to Agents, of whom there are now 28 under appointment in different parts of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting; and whose efforts to promote the cause in which we are engaged are appreciated.

The Committee in charge of the distribution of Bibles, &c., through Agents, report: Eight Agents have reported a distribution as follows: Reference

Bibles, 5; Medium, 5; School, 66; 12mo. Testament and Psalms, 11; 18mo. Testament and Psalms, 41; total, 128.

The distribution in the States of Pennsylvania and New Jersey has been 1776 volumes; 2838 were disposed of in fifteen other States of the Union, and one Territory; and 72 volumes were donated to a colored Minister, and Delegate to the Methodist General Conference, from Liberia, West Africa, for use in that land.

There have been printed during the year, 1000 Medium Bibles, and 2000 large Testament and Psalms.

The stock on hand is as follows: of bound volumes, 110 Reference Bibles; 229 Medium Bibles; 492 School Bibles; one American Bible; 541 Testament and Psalms, 12mo; 659 do. 18mo.; 47 Testaments, 12mo.; 152 do. 18mo.; and 5 Revised Version Testaments, making a total of 2,236.

In sheets, 300 Reference Bibles; 400 Medium Bibles; and 1,400 Testament and Psalms; in all 2,100. The cost of stock on hand is estimated at $1,748 76.

The Treasurer's account, showing the receipts and disbursements for the year, is herewith submitted; from which it will appear that the total receipts for the year were $2,290 64, and expenses for the same

time $2,230 88: excess of receipts, $59 76; which with a balance of $174 70 on hand at the first of the year, makes a balance 9th mo. 30, 1888, of $234 46.

On behalf of the Board of Managers.

ELTON B. GIFFORD,

Secretary.

Philadelphia, Tenth month 29th, 1888.

Summary of the Treasurer's account for the year from 10*th mo.* 1*st*, 1887, *to* 10*th mo.* 1*st*, 1888.

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" " Deposit in Bank, - - - - - - -	5 97
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Amount from Auxiliaries, - - - - - - -	121 00
" " Donations and subscriptions, - - -	87 78
" " Sale of Books, - - - - - - -	307 05
Rent from Real Estate, - - - - - - -	1,335 00
	$2,465 34

PAYMENTS.

For Paper and Printing, - - - - - - -	$310 51
Binding, - - - - - - - - - - -	858 25
Taxes and Water Rent, - - - - - - - -	377 53
Salary of Agent and Incidental Expenses, - - -	665 34
Repairs to Real Estate, - - - - - - - -	19 25
Cash Balance 10th mo. 1st, 1888, - - - - -	234 46
	$2,465 34

We have examined the above account, and compared the payments with the vouchers, and find it correct; and certify the balance in hand Tenth month 1st, 1888, was two hundred and thirty-four $\frac{46}{100}$ dollars, ($234 46.)

JOS. W. LIPPINCOTT, }
CHAS. RHOADS. } *Committee.*

Philadelphia, Tenth Month 26*th*, 1888.

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Testaments,	12 mo. half sheep,	30
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Who are authorized to draw upon our Agent, John S. Stokes, No. 116 North Fourth Street, for copies of the Scriptures and for further nformation in connection with their distribution.

On behalf the Committee,

EDWARD MARIS, M. D.

TO THE

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The Managers Report that for the year ending Ninth month 30, 1889, there were issued from the Depository 1857 Bibles; 2260 Testament and Psalms, and 28 Testaments; making a total for the year of 4165 volumes.

The number of books sold was 1278, which includes 796 Testament and Psalms, purchased by the Trustees of the John Livezey Fund, to be disposed of among the colored people of the South; and 230 volumes purchased by the Philadelphia Auxiliary Association; 2552 were donated to individuals, schools, &c., and 315 were furnished to Agents, of whom there are now 27 under appointment in different parts of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, and whose efforts to promote the cause in which we are engaged are appreciated.

The Committee in charge of the distribution of Bibles, &c., through Agents, report;—eight Agents have reported a distribution as follows:—81 Bibles, 51 Testament and Psalms, and 3 Testaments; total, 135.

The distribution in the States of Pensylvania and New Jersey has been 1213 volumes; and 2932 were disposed of in nineteen other States of the Union and one Territory.

There have been printed during the year, 2000 School Bibles, and 2600 small Testament and Psalms.

The stock on hand is as follows:—of bound volumes, 136 Reference Bibles, 54 Medium Bibles, 175 School Bibles, 323 Testament and Psalms, 12 mo., 114 do. 18 mo.; 43 Testaments, 12 mo.; 126 do. 18 mo.; and 5 Revised Version Testaments, making a total of 976.

In sheets, 200 Reference Bibles; 200 Medium, and 900 School Bibles and 400 12 mo., and 2300 18 mo. Testament and Psalms, in all 4000. The cost of stock on hand is estimated at $1,341 36.

The Treasurer's account, showing the receipts and disbursements for the year is herewith submitted.

On behalf of the Board of Managers.

ELTON B. GIFFORD,

Secretary.

Summary of the Treasurer's account for the year from 10th mo. 1st, 1888, to 10th mo. 1st, 1889.

RECEIPTS.

Balance 10th month 1st, 1888,	$234 46
Interest on Lehigh Coal and Navigation Loan,	23 84
" " Philadelphia City Loan,	210 00
" " Deposit in Bank,	22 52
" " Mortgage and temporary Loans,	250 00
Amount of Donations and subscriptions,	61 29
" from Sale of Books,	458 25
" Rent from Real Estate,	1,773 33
Legacy from Wm. B. Smith, dec'd,	95 00
Principal of Geo. Frescoln mortgage, paid,	2,000 00
	$5,128 69

PAYMENTS.

For Paper and Printing,	$697 48
Binding,	1,061 50
Taxes and Water Rent,	377 26
Salary of Agent and Incidental Expenses,	675 69
Repairs to Real Estate,	156 11
Invested in mortgage of No. 1027 Norris St.,	1,700 00
Cash Balance 10th mo. 1st, 1889,	460 65
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We have examined the above account, and compared the payments with the vouchers, and find it correct; and certify the balance in hand, Tenth month 1st, 1889, was four hundred and sixty $\frac{65}{100}$ dollars ($460 65.)

WM. HESTON,
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Philadelphia, Tenth Month 7th, 1889.

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TO THE

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IN AMERICA.

The Managers Report that for the year ending Ninth month 30, 1890, there were issued from the Depository 1805 Bibles; 1943 Testament and Psalms, and 24 Testaments; making a total for the year of 3772 volumes.

The number of books sold was 1200, which includes 1052 Testament and Psalms, purchased by the Trustees of the John Livezey Fund, to be disposed of among the colored people of the South; and 120 volumes purchased by the Philadelphia Auxiliary Association; 2369 were donated to individuals, schools, &c., and 203 were furnished to Agents, of whom there are now 32 under appointment in different parts of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, and whose efforts to promote the cause in which we are engaged are appreciated.

The distribution in the States of Pensylvania and New Jersey has been 1025 volumes; and 2747 were disposed of in sixteen other States of the Union and one Territory.

There have been printed during the year, 1000 Medium Bibles, 2100 School Bibles and 2200 12 mo. Testament and Psalms.

The stock on hand is as follows:—of bound volumes 91 Reference Bibles, 55 Medium Bibles, 275 School Bibles, 302 Testament and Psalms, 12 mo., 303 do. 18 mo.; 43 Testaments, 12 mo.; 104 do. 18 mo.; and 5 Revised Version Testaments, making a total of 1178.

In sheets, 190 Reference Bibles; 900 Medium, and 1400 School Bibles and 1400 12 mo., and 1000 18 mo. Testament and Psalms, in all 4890. The cost of stock on hand is estimated at $1,843 76.

The Treasurer's account, showing the receipts and disbursements for the year is herewith submitted.

On behalf of the Board of Managers.

ELTON B. GIFFORD,

Secretary.

Philadelphia, Tenth Month 20th, 1890.

Summary of the Treasurer's account for the year from 10*th mo.* 1*st*, 1889, *to* 10*th mo.* 1*st*, 1890.

RECEIPTS.

Balance 10th month 1st, 1889, - - - - - -	$460 65
Interest on Lehigh Coal and Navigation Loan, - - -	23 84
" " Philadelphia City Loan, - - - - -	210 00
" " Deposit in Bank, - - - - - - -	27 90
" " Mortgage and temporary Loans, - - -	115 56
Amount of Donations and subscriptions, - - -	65 80
" from Sale of Books, - - - - - - -	391 75
" Rent from Real Estate,- - - - - -	1,637 50
Loan to the Forest Estate paid off, - - - -	2,000 00
	$4,933 00

PAYMENTS.

Paper and Printing, - - - - - - - -	$697 90
Binding, - - - - - - - - - -	1,181 65
Taxes and Water Rent, - - - - - - - -	377 40
Salary of Agent and Incidentals, - - - - -	682 07
Repairs to the Real Estate, - - - - - - -	11 41
Invested in Debenture Bonds of Mortgage Trust Co., -	1,500 00
Cash Balance 10th mo., 1st, 1890, - - - - - -	482 57
	$4,933 00

We have examined the above account, and compared the payments with the vouchers, and find it correct; and certify the balance on hand Tenth month 1st, 1890, was four hundred and eighty-two $\frac{57}{100}$ dollars, ($482 57.)

EPHRAIM SMITH,
WILLIAM HESTON, } *Committee.*

Philadelphia, Tenth Month, 17*th*, 1890.

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Committee on Property.
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FORMS OF LEGACY.

1. *Form of a Bequest of Personal Estate.*

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2. *Form of a Devise of Real Estate.*

"I give and devise to A. B. and C. D. and their heirs, all that (here describe the property) together with the appurtenances, to hold to them the said A. B. and C. D. and the survivor of them, and the heirs of such survivors for ever; in trust nevertheless for the sole use and benefit of an Institution in Philadelphia, known by the name of 'The Bible Association of Friends in America,' and upon this further trust, absolutely to dispose of, and convey the same, either in fee, or for such other estate, and in such way and manner, as the members of the said Association shall, at any meeting or meetings, order, direct and appoint."

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REVISED PRICE LIST OF BIBLES AND TESTAMENTS,

Sixth Month 2d, 1879.

Reference Bibles, 8 vo. with Family Record, Index and Concordance.	Turkey Morocco, Gilt Edges,	$4 00
	do. do. Sprinkled Edges,	3 50
	Sheep, plain, Edges,	1 75
Medium Bibles,	do. do do.	1 00
School do.	do. do. do.	50
Testament and Psalms,	12 mo. sheep,	40
	18 do. cloth,	20
Testaments,	12 mo. half sheep,	30
	18 do. cloth,	15

THE

Sixty-second Annual Report

OF THE

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OF

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Read at the Annual Meeting, held on the evening of the Fourth of Eleventh month, 1891.

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JOHN W. BIDDLE.

MANAGERS.

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SECRETARY OF THE BOARD.

ELTON B. GIFFORD, 510 Marshall Street.

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EDWARD MARIS, M. D., 1106 Pine Street.
BENJAMIN HOOPES, Toughkenamon, Chester Co., Pa.
WILLIAM HESTON, Frankford.

COMMITTEE ON PROPERTY.

HENRY HAINES, 518 Pine Street.
EPHRAIM SMITH, 1110 Pine Street.
RICHARD CADBURY, 1315 Filbert Street.

COMMITTEE ON DISTRIBUTION AND AGENTS.

ELLWOOD COOPER, 322 North Fortieth Street.
JOSEPH ELKINTON, 921 Clinton Street.
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The following Friends have been appointed to act as Agents.

BENJAMIN H. LIGHTFOOT,	PITTSBURG,	Pennsylvan a
ELIZABETH RHOADS,	MARPLE,	"
MARTHA G. SHEPPARD,	MEDIA,	"
SAMUEL C. MOON,	MORRISVILLE,	"
COMLY B. SHOEMAKER,	POTTSTOWN,	"
MARGARET J. SCOTT,	CONCORDVILLE,	"
DEBBIE C. PASSMORE,	"	"
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The annual report of the Treasurer, duly audited by a committee of the Board, is presented herewith.

On behalf of the Board of Managers.

JOHN W. BIDDLE,

Secretary for the day.

Philadelphia, Tenth Month 26th, 1891.

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" Rent from Real Estate,	1,650 00
	$3,501 47

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3.—The Property Committee shall have intrusted to them the care of the Real Estate, keeping the same in repair, and the renting of rooms.

4.—The Committee on Distribution and Agents shall be intrusted with the duty to advise and assist the Agent of the Association in the gratuitous distribution of Bibles and Testaments within the limits of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting. They shall also have the care of appointing Agents, from time to time, to assist in the circulation of our publications in such locations as may seem desirable; to correspond and advise with them, and make a report to the Board annually at its stated meeting in the Tenth month.

Sec. 8.—Each Manager shall have the right to distribute gratuitously, such Bibles and Testaments to deserving persons as he may deem proper, not to exceed the value of five dollars worth annually.

Sec. 9.—The Treasurer is authorized to pay all bills for work done or materials furnished the Association when examined by the Com-

mittee that ordered them, and having been approved by the signatures of two members of such committee, or for incidental expenses and salary by the Agent of the Association.

Sec. 10.—The Fiscal Year of the Association shall close with the thirtieth day of the Ninth month.

Sec. 11.—Vacancies in the officers of the Association or the Managers, also committees thereof, may be filled at any stated meeting of the Board, or at a special meeting called for the purpose—stating the object thereof to each member. (See Article vi. of the Constitution.)

Sec. 12.—Amendments or additions to these By-Laws may be mad at any stated meeting of the Board, when offered in writing and approved by a majority of all the members thereof.

FORMS OF LEGACY.

1. *Form of a Bequest of Personal Estate.*

"I give and bequeath to A. B. and A. C. and the survivor of them, and the executors and administrators of such survivor, the sum of in trust for the use of an Institution in Philadelphia, known by the name of 'The Bible Association of Friends in America,' and to be paid by the said Trustees to the Treasurer for the time being of the said Institution."

2. *Form of a Devise of Real Estate.*

"I give and devise to A. B. and C. D. and their heirs, all that (here describe the property) together with the appurtenances, to hold to them the said A. B. and C. D. and the survivor of them, and the heirs of such survivors for ever; in trust nevertheless for the sole use and benefit of an Institution in Philadelphia, known by the name of 'The Bible Association of Friends in America,' and upon this further trust, absolutely to dispose of, and convey the same, either in fee, or for such other estate, and in such way and manner, as the members of the said Association shall, at any meeting or meetings, order, direct and appoint."

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Testament and Psalms,	12 mo. sheep,	40
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